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CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S ATTACK ON RUSSIA

"The greatest crime in human history" BITTER DENUNCIATION

Taipei, December 31.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a New Year's message, today assumed full responsibility "for all past failures" and charged that the "Moscow aggressor represents the greatest crime in human history."

The speech, broadcast by T'ieh radio, was addressed principally to the Chinese people on the mainland and Taiwan but at the same time it was aimed at the whole world.

In bitter denunciation he charged that the "purpose of Russian aggression was similar to that of Japan but the means Russia employs were even more malicious."

Britain to go ahead on recognition

London, December 31.
Britain intends to proceed with her present plans to recognize the Chinese Government, the Nationalist Government, and to sever relations with the Communist Government, no matter what changes may be taking place in the American policy towards the Far East, an authoritative source said today.

According to this source, Britain has already informed the United States Government of the date on which Mr. Ernest Bevin has decided to begin relations with the Chinese Government, and the official view in London is that no further delay will take place.

The date selected is still being kept a strict secret, Reuters.

TAFT'S PLAN FOR TAIWAN

Cincinnati, December 31.
Senator Robert Taft, Republican Party leader, today said that Taiwan should be out of the hands of Chinese Communists even were necessary to send United States Navy to protect the island fortress.

Senator Taft told reporters that world powers dedicated peace should "hang in to Taiwan." The Chinese Nationalists have retreated there for last stand.

"Our State Department is made awful blunder in dealing with the Chinese situation in the past," he declared. "I do not think it would be necessary to send American troops to Taiwan," he said. "The United States Navy should establish in Taiwan a United States naval base and the country maintain its independence and the Philippines."

"The presence of the United States Navy in the Taiwan area is enough to prevent crossing to that island by the Chinese Communists," he said.

He was undecided whether the United States should support the Nationalist Government or create a new independent Republic of Taiwan. — Reuters.

The War the
At 0200 GMT (8 a.m. H.K.T.) a heavy air raid of high-priority aircraft from Siberia across Japan hit the Pacific. A shallow penetration of Eastern Sea is expected. The attack slowly and more. K.M. (Korean) Japan Black propaganda broadcast over the China news. Today's forecast: a heavy rain, strong wind, and even to launch attacks continuing.

WEDDINGS!!



Two-and-a-half year old Jonathan Forbes looked so smart in his page boy's outfit when he attended the wedding of Major R. M. Chaplin and Miss S. Ridley at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Everything went all right before and during the ceremony. But, as the bride couple left, Jonathan burst into tears. Young bridesmaid June Gibbs holds his hand and looks on sympathetically. (AP Photo).

CREW REFUSES TO SAIL SHIP TO SHANGHAI

The crew of the American freighter Flying Arrow, now in Hong Kong, cabled to the National Maritime Union in New York, and the State Department in Washington, yesterday, notifying them of their refusal to sail into Shanghai waters because of Nationalist mines.

"We will not work if the ship attempts to run through the blockade," a spokesman of the Stewards' Department told the "Sunday Herald" last evening when interviewed aboard.

Mr. David Jones, master of the Inland vessel, declared that the crew's N.M.U. delegate had approached him about possibilities of being paid off should the Flying Arrow leave for Shanghai.

"The American Consulate here has notified the State Department about the attitude of the crew. We cannot make any comment, and must await instructions from Washington," Mr. F. Hill, Consul, said.

An official of A. P. Patterson, local agents of the Inland vessels, declared that the Flying Arrow is on schedule and will clear port for the Communist Yangtze port on January 3. He declined to say if the crew had approached him.

One of the ship's engineers, P. R. Becker, left the ship yesterday with his belongings. It was reported that he had cabled to his wife in New York requesting passage for home.

Mr. Becker was reported to be trying to raise US\$800 to keep his husband out of waters blockaded by the Nationalists. Her husband had informed her that he did not want to sail into Shanghai when the ship leaves Hong Kong.

Mr. Jones stated that Becker left his ship with all his belongings. "He did not say anything about wanting to leave the ship," he added. The 27-year-old first assistant engineer has three days shore leave, the master disclosed.

Won't desert
"Ninety per cent of the seamen do not want to sail to Shanghai," a spokesman declared. There are 22 seamen, comprising all departments.

"We have cabled to Mr. J. H. H. National Secretary at the N.M.U. at New York and the State Department today about our decision. We are now awaiting their replies," he said.

Another seaman said that the crew would not desert the ship. "If we can get off legally so much the better. But we will remain aboard and will refuse to work if the ship tries to get through the blockade," he declared.

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BUS COMPANY TURNS DOWN MEN'S DEMANDS

The demand of the workers of the China Motor Bus Company for an extra HK\$3-a-day allowance was turned down by their employers yesterday.

The Company's decision, in the form of a written reply to the men's demand, was conveyed to the workers' representatives yesterday afternoon, shortly before the expiry of their ultimatum set for 5 p.m.

The representatives, who called on Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, the Managing Director, were told that the Board of Directors saw no jurisdiction for departing from the scale fixed by Government for the Rehabilitation Allowance.

However, Mr. Ngan said, if there should be any change or revision agreed upon by other utility companies, such as the Company's counterpart on the mainland, the Kowloon Motor Bus Company then the China Motor Bus Company would consider falling in line.

The other demands put forward by the workers, for a five percent annual bonus, overtime pay, and replacement of uniforms, were agreed to by the Company, with certain reservations.

Following receipt of the reply from the management a meeting of the bus workers was called last night, and in a somewhat stormy session, various members accused the management of adopting stalling methods in order to help the Hong Kong Tramways to force their locked-out workers into submission.

The promise of reconsideration of the men's demand for a special allowance in the event of any such utility companies was no more than a bait, various speakers charged.

It was to keep the buses running while the suspension of the tram service, might not be so acute, and thus leave their fellow tram workers in the lurch.

Certain speakers also criticized the action of some drivers who continued to work overtime in defiance of Union order, on the plea they had signed up for extra time.

Call for unity
"This is a time for united action, and we hope these people will not just think of their own interests," speakers warned the dissidents.

The men decided not to take "no" for an answer, and it was resolved to make another call on the management on Tuesday.

The buses operated as usual yesterday, with the usual large queues waiting at the terminals, and every vehicle leaving with a full load. People waiting at the intermediate stops had a scanty chance of getting on, as no more than the number who alighted were allowed to board at each stop.

As on the three previous days, the taxis and public hire cars did a day of non-stop business. Crowds of people waited at the taxi and car stands, rushing for the first empty vehicle that pulled in.

Even the rickshaws did a good turnover. Some pullers said they had never had such a rush. In nearly all cases fares were increased by at least 50 per cent, which passengers begrudgingly paid.

Kowloon demands
Backing up their fellow workers on the island, employees of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company on the mainland will, immediately after the New Year holidays, present a similar demand to their management.

The demand, as in the case of the Hong Kong men, will be for an all-round HK\$3-a-day special cost of living allowance, a yearly five-percent bonus on pay, and a 15-day double pay including allowance at the end of the lunar year.

Meantime there has been no development in the tramway dispute.

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Happy New Year!

The Editor and staff wish all readers the very best of everything for 1950.

Because of the holiday there will be no publication of the "China Mail" tomorrow, but the paper will be available as usual on Tuesday morning.

BANGKOK GOLD CASE SENTENCES

Bangkok, December 30.
Ten men, including four military officers, were sentenced to prison terms for their part in the great gold robbery of May 12, 1948. Nine others were freed.

A large gang robbed a truck on route from Banmuang Air-drome of gold bullion totalling 40,000,000 bahts (US\$2,000,000), which is said to be the biggest robbery in international police annals. The gold shipment was in Bangkok overnight for transshipment by gold merchants to Macao.

All but 15 cases of gold were recovered. The still missing bullion is valued at approximately US\$700,000. The court ordered the gold when recovered, returned to its rightful owners.

Among the acquitted was a woman named Khunying Maen Patapang, whose testimony resulted in the retirement of Police Major-General Juan Blith Blithyarn, head of the C. I. D.—Associated Press.

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of the person in charge of the
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number of the firm.

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I. NEWTON,
Director
of Medical Services.

December 31, 1949

NOTICE

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or Immigration Office, to their
place of residence abroad.

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Taiwan.

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Hong Kong from persons pro-
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migration Office, Police Head-
quarters, Hong Kong, supply-
ing details of themselves, par-
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held and reasons for visit.

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December 31, 1949.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICER.

Hong Kong, Dec. 31, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

On Wednesday, 21st Decem-
ber, 1949, at 4.00 p.m. at Jun-
ction of Chung On Street and
Castle Peak Road, Tsun Wan,
a Chinese male, Yip Yan
Kwong, 23 years, residing at
No. 2 Castle Peak Road, Tsun
Wan, was knocked down by
Military Lorry No. 11788 and
received fatal injuries.

Any persons witnessing the
accident or who can give in-
formation regarding the ac-
cident are asked to communi-
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COMMISSIONER OF
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Hong Kong, Dec. 29, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

On Sunday, December 25th,
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Wah, 6 years, residing at 168,
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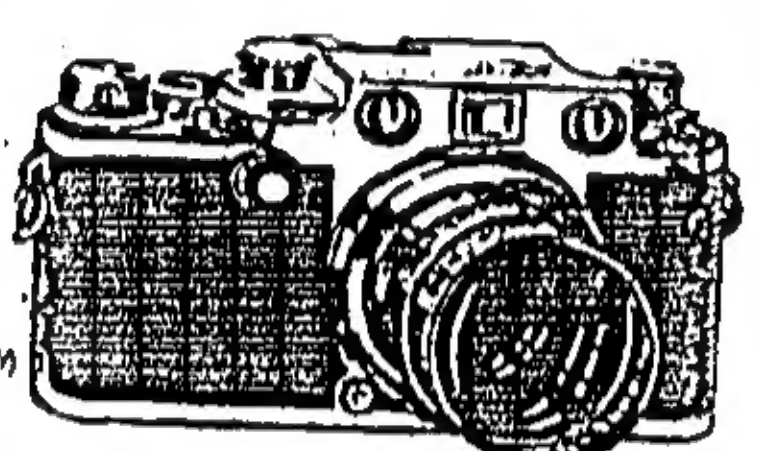
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JANUARY

(December 21—January 19)

Your birth month is likely to bring interesting experiments and new ideas. But be careful what promises you make in the next 48 hours or what controversy you embark upon. On Thursday, prospect of a doubtful deal reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)

If you have been planning a change of job or new routine, set about it immediately. Best to get anything that matters finished by Thursday. Interesting week socially though you may not have much time to follow up new friendships before Saturday.

MARCH

(February 19—March 20)

Beware speculative schemes in next few days. Don't take anything for granted. Your best policy could be to plod away until Friday and then be a little venturesome over finance and new scheme.

APRIL

(March 21—April 20)

Some reorganisation of household or family routine probably necessary this week. But changes might be accompanied by quarrels, family opposition, if undertaken before Thursday. An interesting week in your personal affairs, but better not place faith in rumour or gossip-mongers.

MAY

(April 21—May 20)

Travel probabilities develop quickly in next few days. You may make arrangements that lead to lengthy journeys about Easter. From a business or professional angle, a most promising period, schemes initiated now bring in profits end of month.

JUNE

(May 21—June 20)

Before you launch anything important, make quite sure you have enough cash in hand. Disappointment likely over a proposed but expected backing. A good week for travel, social life, new friendships.

JULY

(June 21—July 20)

Although you may feel adverse to change, the person most closely connected with you may insist upon it. Hence, a week of some controversy, much heart-searching, hectic activity. Good news of a family venture late in week.

AUGUST

(July 21—August 21)

Better prepared for last minute reshuffles in your business affairs. If an employer's staff changes likely, if employed, new job or new routine. If married, marriage partner "in luck" throughout week.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22—September 22)

New Year celebrations will probably extend throughout the week. You will be kept busy entertaining strangers, reconciling conflicting personalities. Financially, an important period; windfalls likely on Friday or Saturday.

OCTOBER

(September 23—October 23)

Though you may not get much backing either from family or associates, better go ahead with new schemes. If you can fix up essential details before Thursday, so much the better. End of week likely to bring stormy period but also important news.



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By R.H. Naylor

NOVEMBER

(October 24—November 22)

Worth while trying out new ideas, however difficult the odds. You are not likely to put anything through without opposition or back-biting, but effort to do so would be worth while. Most propitious days for important schemes would be Sunday and Thursday.

DECEMBER

(November 23—December 20)

A few financial problems but these will be off-set by satisfaction over a new venture. Good advice and possibly a useful business offer comes through the post end of week. An expensive period, better cut down overheads if you can.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

FOR MOST OF US: Propitious influence make this a fortunate New Year's day. Entertainment, get about, see your friends. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Cardinal red, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

This is likely to be one of the most interesting and propitious years you have had for a long time. Truly, your 1950 birthday should bring new hope and fresh courage. Within the next few months you will feel that life is becoming easier and the future is brighter.

Between now and the end of July you are likely to improve your income and your affairs generally. Life becomes more comfortable, you get a better job, some social ambition is satisfied. During February and April in particular you should make rapid progress. It might be worth while making far-reaching changes. If you get an offer that entails travel or a move to another neighbourhood, better take it. Any scheme that has a spin of danger in it would be likely to prove a "winner".

You could not have a better year for social ventures or for sport. It should be fortunate, too, for anything that needs physical skill and endurance. Your health and general well-being should reach a high level this year.

It is a good year for getting married. If unattached and eligible, go ahead. The opportunity to marry will surely materialise before your next birthday. If already settled, concentrate on giving yourself and the family a good time and making family life a little more luxurious than before.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

FOR MOST OF US: Let last week's half completed jobs wait a little longer. Concentrate on anything that needs tact, sympathy, finesse. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Mauve, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Although at the beginning of the year you may feel frustrated and unhappy, take heart. As the year progresses you will become happier and feel more secure. There is a great deal of good fortune awaiting you before you reach your next birthday.

But better be clear-sighted and courageous about family affairs. One longstanding association seems to have become irksome and may be nearing its end. After September you may suddenly be free of an old burden.

The same state of affairs is likely to prevail in business. You will probably fret for a few months against restrictions or some critical and disagreeable business superior, and then find

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come. Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

that your troubles have cleared up suddenly. Round about October is likely to be a key period in business progress.

Don't see too much of invalids or elderly people this year and don't spend too much time alone. A new interest probably of a religious or artistic nature, is likely to develop in the next few months and you would do well to plunge into it wholeheartedly. You would make friends and gain intellectual stimulus thereby.

A certain amount of anxiety and unhappiness is probable over family affairs. It will be difficult to keep clear of troubles that originate with older people. But in spite of this you will find that new friends bring all the happiness you could wish and the year ends on an encouraging and hopeful note.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

FOR MOST OF US: Attempt nothing of any import today unless you are prepared to fight every inch of the way. Surprises due in connection with a family or property matter. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 8, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Although this year of life promises to be a stormy one, yet it will undoubtedly be unusually interesting. Throughout 1950 you will find that Fate has surprises for you connected with business and your personal affairs. Certain changes may be inevitable. If you do make reshuffles this year, don't expect them to go through easily. Within the family circle stormy conditions are likely to prevail. You may resent some new burden that is thrust upon you about July. Financially there seems little to worry about. Your usual income is not likely to be affected. But again and again you will have to cope with some unexpected demand upon your time and your pocket.

Be careful about mishaps this year, especially if you are much on the roads or if you handle edged tools. Accident risk is a little higher than usual this year. On the other hand you will have unusual energy and probably plunge into adventures without qualms.

A new friendship that begins suddenly and under romantic circumstances may upset the family apartment about July. If single, an intense but possibly short-lived love affair is likely. If married, you will need all your Cupidric tenacity and patience to keep family life untroubled this year.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

FOR MOST OF US: Likely to be a critical day; important decisions may have to be made before nightfall. If uncertain about a choice, better stick to tried methods and proved friends. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Midnight blue, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Now begins an important and probably a change of year. Whether you like this or not, Fate is leading you back into paths that you trod eight or 12

years ago. Changes due about July will bring you back to former friends and possibly a former job. No better face the probability of the past becoming important once again. It might be worth while reviving old associations almost immediately. When the time comes for changes, you will probably be glad that you have taken up old threads again.

Don't listen to advisors who urge you to get on with new or unusual schemes, or who offer you the prospect of "easy money". This could and possibly will be a successful year, but you will have to work for what you get. Slow and careful methods are the ones worth following.

If you need backing, you will get it from older people or from the family. Be suspicious of those who try to interest you in speculative deals, particularly during March and October. If you get a chance to buy a house or land, or settle down in a place you knew years ago, better do so.

You need not worry about family affairs this year. All will go well in your immediate circle. But new friendships are likely to be disillusioning and may lead to possible scandal or mischief-making. If single and thinking of marriage, better link up with an old sweetheart.

Speculation should be avoided throughout the year. Provided you are content with your usual profits or accustomed salary, all should be well. But the temptation to aim at "easy money" will be strong and would lead to trouble. Caution and careful budgeting will be necessary for some months ahead.

You will probably get a chance to travel overseas either in March or October. Journeys would bring most valuable experiences but might cost more than you expected. If you stay at home, then you seem likely to be entertaining friends from abroad towards the end of the year.

There may be a little trouble in the family circle connected with women. If you are sensitive to back-biting and malice, you will be considerably annoyed at first time to time.

But your closest ties should be undisturbed and, if now unattached, there are romantic adventures in plenty awaiting you this year.

FOR MOST OF US: A good day for most schemes, but particularly propitious for experimental deals and innovations. Break away from your usual routine later in the day. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Leaf green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

All's well this year provided you don't aim at sticking in a groove. If you are determined to keep things as they are, to resist changes, then the year may prove irritating and frustrating. But if you are ready to adapt yourself to fresh ideas and unusual situations, you will find it a most successful and happy period.

Don't shrink from adventures; they will be more successful than you can expect at the moment. Also, it will be useless trying to shelve responsibilities or fuse about changes. Summon up your courage and be ready to tackle hazardous jobs at short notice.

Don't worry about money; you won't have any serious problems of that kind. But if you employ others, there may be trouble over younger members of the staff; if employed, you will find it almost impossible to keep clear of feuds and divisions among your fellow workers.

There is some likelihood of travel but if you embark upon it, don't expect everything to go

smoothly. You would meet with irritations as well as success, probably make enemies as well as friends.

In your personal life it will be an interesting period and, if now single, you are likely to plunge into romantic adventures in a few months time. It is not a particularly good year for marriage; if you are already settled, beware trouble with younger relatives and with neighbours.

It will be a year of movement and probably travel. You will either go abroad or have much to do with foreigners. It is unlikely that you would stay in your present abode throughout the year, though you may make it your permanent base. You will be away from home a good deal and moving about on one errand after another.

Don't be afraid to alter your way of living or to change your circle of friends. People who come into your life in June and July are likely to affect it quickly for good or ill. If now unmarried, a romance of quite unusual possibilities is due in six or eight months' time.

Spivs, belonging to the same get-rich-quick clan as those in other capitals, are worrying the authorities in Mexico City.

Describing the activities of these easy-going goons, correspondent Cecil Clark reports that their latest victim was a certain farmer who visited the city to sell cattle.

While at the market he was asked the way to the National Lottery building. Not knowing the way, the visitor admitted as much but was interested when the man told him he held the winning ticket in a lottery and wanted to make his claim.

Being only a "poor working man" however he was afraid to go to the Lottery offices for fear they thought he had stolen the ticket. Would the visitor help? The visitor did, promised to take the ticket and collect the winnings—and for good faith handed over all his ready cash of 7,800 pesos for the man to hold as security while he was away.

Needless to say the ticket wasn't a winning one, and the visitor is still looking for the "poor working man" who took his precious pesos.

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U.S. ARMS AID FOR PERSIA

Washington, December 30. President Truman today informed the Shah of Persia that the United States is ready to offer Persia certain military aid and will support its requests for loans from the World Bank.

The President's statement, which did not specify the nature or quantity of the aid, was released a few hours before the Shah's arrival in New York after an American tour.

It is noted that the United States Government also plans to help Persia through its programme for under-developed countries. The statement said it is the policy of the United States to help peoples everywhere to maintain their freedom.

It pointed out that the three-point declaration signed by President Roosevelt, by Mr. Winston Churchill, and the then Prime Minister of Britain in 1943 guaranteed Persia's independence.

The offer of American military aid was prefaced by the remark that a serious threat to international peace anywhere is of direct concern to the United States.

The President's statement said that the United States Government is currently prepared to offer certain military assistance essential to Persia.

The statement noted that the Persian Government had planned a five-year programme for economic and social progress and that the President appreciated the importance of this programme to Persia's economic development.

London, December 30. Ex-quotations for cash delivery of £1.10s per ton to ship at £1.000 per ton today, for three months delivery the rate £2 per ton to £378.—Associated Press.

BUILDING UP IN SINKIANG

The Chinese Communists are building up a vast garrison of between 250,000 and 300,000 in the remote North Western province of Sinkiang, bordering Russia.

This is in order to reassert Chinese sovereignty over the virtually independent nomadic tribes, and also—according to popular belief among Tibet.

The Reds' position in the two North Western provinces of Ninghsia and Chinghai is being shaken by the Moslem population who are rising in armed resistance against Chinese Communist rule, according to reports filtering to the coast.

Communist workers who recently returned to Shanghai after a short term of service in the North West said that of all the newly occupied areas the Reds are encountering the stiffest popular hostility in Chinghai and Ninghsia. The fight against the new rulers is conducted by both Moslem civilians and soldiers formerly in the service of the Ma family, which "abdicated" rather than go along with the provincial communist which joined the Reds.

These workers described Chinghai and Ninghsia as a "hotbed" of anti-Red resistance, with numerous guerrilla forces roving the countryside attacking Red communications, convoys, and isolated garrisons.

They added that the predominantly Moslem population, which lived virtually in complete independence under the Nationalists, is showing bitter racial hatred against the Reds whom they regard as "foreign invaders"—infidels.

Guerrilla bands

They said that up to the present the Chinese Communist army has not been able to extend its control beyond a few main cities and principal communication lines in Chinghai and Ninghsia. Conditions in Kansu are said to be much better because the Moslem population there is smaller.

The vast countryside of Chinghai and Ninghsia is held by anti-Red guerrillas who are based deep in the mountains where they are using supplies cached previously by the provincial army command.

The returned workers, who served under the Reds, but are not Party members, said that uniformed Communists in Sining, the capital of Chinghai, did not venture into the streets after 5 p.m., while guards patrolled the streets in groups of three and four.

They said that one old Moslem was arrested for having snatched three Red soldiers. On another occasion, four Reds entered a Moslem home in the heart of Sining to fetch water, but only one emerged; the others were murdered. A Red platoon searched the house and caught the killers, but was unable to find the bodies.

The Moslem populace is also retelling by their refusal to accept the Communist currency. The former silver coins were still in circulation three months after the Reds' arrival. When compelled to accept the paper money, Moslem shopkeepers booted prices sky-high. The workers said that the Reds are countering hostility with a policy of extreme forbearance, which they believe is the best means of pacifying the country. Killers are being shown extreme leniency, and are executed only after repeated offences.

Troop moves

Three specially organized transportation corps, each numbering 800 trucks, have been engaged since October in moving a vast army into Sinkiang.

The troops are moved over the Lanchow—Urumchi highway through a 200-mile waterless stretch of desert. The convoys are heavily guarded because of rampant guerrilla activity.

The drivers said the Reds told them they would be given another mission after completion of the troop movement. They presumed this meant moving troops for the "liberation" of Tibet, which is more accessible through Sinkiang. Troops are also being moved to Sinkiang in an attempt to end the resentment among local troops who were ordered to be reorganized into the regular Chinese Communist army. Until November 1, the transport corps moved 150,000 Red troops to Sinkiang, bringing back heavy artillery and anti-aircraft guns captured from the Moslem troops.—United Press.

SEQUEL TO AIR TRAGEDY

Washington, December 30.

The American Eastern Airlines Company today sued the Bolivian pilot, Erick Rio Brindoux, for US\$55,000, the cost of the airliner lost in the disastrous collision at the Washington National Airport on November 1.

Brindoux piloted the P-38 fighter that collided with a big DC-4 as it was coming in to land, bringing death to the 50 people on board the transport, the highest toll in American airline history.

In a suit filed in the District Court, Eastern Airlines charged the Bolivian with being solely responsible for the collision which, it said, was due to his own "carelessness, recklessness and negligence."

The suit asks damages for destruction of the airliner only and does not mention liability for passengers' deaths.

When Brindoux was released from hospital on December 22 following treatment for his crash injuries, he said he had "no responsibility whatever" for the crash.

In a statement contested by the company selling the fighter which Brindoux was testing, the Bolivian Government disclaimed ownership.—Associated Press.

SIX DEAD IN LUZON QUAKE

Manila, December 31.

Press reports today said that at least six persons were killed by Thursday's violent earthquake, which shook almost all of Luzon, the biggest island of the Philippine archipelago.

Four men and four carabacs were buried alive in the landslide caused by tremors near Bantoc in the mountain province. A woman died in Ilocos, capital of Isabela province, due to shock.

This was the second known death in Isabela due to the quake. The first was a woman who was buried in a landslide in Reina Mercedes.

Four men, who were last seen trying to cross the Cagayan river in Isabela province, are missing. The quake caused big waves in the river which runs through North Eastern Luzon.

Several houses sunk into fissures caused by the quake in Cagayan, Isabela. Property damage was heavy in Isabela, where the quake was apparently centred.—United Press.

HUGE BRITISH FILM LOSSES

London, December 30.

A loss of £1,168,724 was reported today by the British Lion Film Corporation. Its chairman said that without Government loans the company would have been in receivership.

It is the second major British producer to report huge losses recently. J. Arthur Rank's organisation lost more than £3,000,000 last year.

The company's report covered the year ended last March 31. The company produces and distributes about 20 feature films a year. The company's accounts showed a loan from the Government's Film Corporation of £1,500,000.—Associated Press.

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World's 12 smartest women

New York, December 30. The editors of the Book of Knowledge today listed the world's 12 smartest women, and put Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in the first place. Others included Madame Vilaya Lakshmi Randit, Indian Ambassador to the United States; the actress, Bette Davis; Dorothy Shaver, president of a New York department store; Clare Boothe Luce; Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas; Anne O'Hare McCormack, foreign correspondent for the "New York Times"; Margaret Mead, author, anthropologist and educator; Mrs. Ogden Reid, publisher of the New York "Herald Tribune"; Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist and author; and Margaret Webster, Shakespearean producer and director.—United Press.

MOSCOW PLANNING TACTICS

London, December 30.

Diplomatic observers here believe that Communist leaders from all over the world who are remaining in Moscow after the Stalin birthday celebration of 10 days ago are planning future Communist tactics on a world scale.

Reports reaching London have given the return from Moscow to their home countries of only the East German delegation under Heni Walter Ulbrich.

With the emphasis of Communist successes shifted from Western Europe to East Asia, the presence in Moscow of the Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung is considered especially significant. European Communists, among whom are Palmiro Togliatti, of Italy; Yulio Chervenkof, of Bulgaria; Matyas Rakos of Hungary; and Ghelghiu Det, of Rumania, will have had the opportunity in the days since Stalin's birthday of making first hand contact with the head of victorious Communism in Asia.

It is noted here that the birthday occurred one of the rare occasions when top-ranking Communist leaders from both the East and West formally meet at a high level.

The Cominform, which in any case only holds its formal meetings infrequently, is a European organisation noted hitherto mainly for its activities against Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia. The present secret meeting in Moscow may be an answer to the initiative shown throughout this year by the non-Communist Powers who have achieved a considerable measure of policy and defence co-ordination under the Atlantic Pact.—Reuter.

GOLD SEIZURE

Karachi, December 30.

Customs agents seized 70 pounds of gold, worth about £20,000, being smuggled into Pakistan in the crank case of an American luxury car.

The gold bars were hidden in one of 10 cars brought here recently from the Persian Gulf port of Bahrain. Customs officials are going over since finding that smugglers have been hiding valuables in exhaust pipes.—Reuter.

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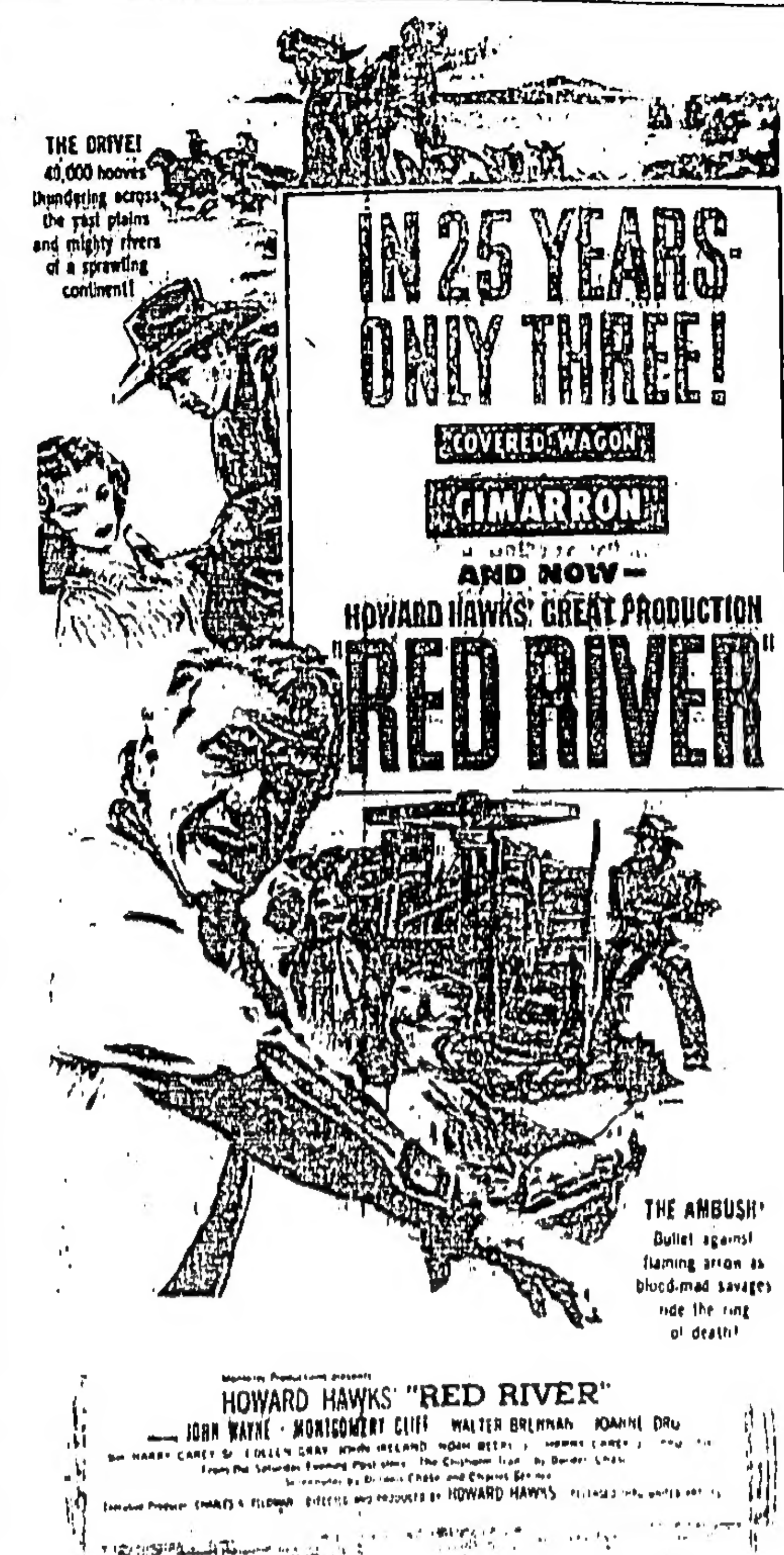
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A Venetian among us

A Venetian whose name is as old as the Doge's palace has forsaken the classic city on the Adriatic for a try at Hollywood.

She is the Contessa Delphino de Carnavero, who is passing through Hong Kong en route to the United States after having been invited to appear in a film dealing with Venice. If Hollywood is kind to her she will not return to Europe.

The Contessa, at 25, is the last member of a famous Venetian family whose ancestors served the Doge when the city was the commercial centre of the world. The Carnavero Palace, on the canal fronting the Cathedral of St. Mark, where doves foregather every morning to be fed by passers-by, was the meeting place of the world of fashion until the great cut in swathe through European society.

As graceful as a Renaissance painting the Contessa is going to Hollywood because the family fortune was exhausted during the war. She was, however, frank about her society life and the palace where she lives, once she had seen the world of an American.

The Contessa believes that Venice is still a beautiful city, but it is a pity that it is not a more important part of the world of fashion. She is, however, a devoted admirer of the city and its people, who she has met for a while there.

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Speaking with a distinctive continental accent, Contessa de Carnavero said she was warned about the rapid pace of American life and rather looks forward to it.

She favours black as a modern colour, and her wardrobe includes frocks and ensembles in total black. Venetian women are still very well dressed, the Contessa said, although Paris and New York command the field.

Link with Sun Yat-sen

The man who stood by Dr. Sun Yat-sen as protector in the early days of the Chinese revolution, when enemies from all over the country plotted his assassination, is back in Hong Kong again for a short visit.

He is General Maurice Cohen, former aide-de-camp to the Father of the Revolution.

One of the most colourful Westerners ever to come to China, the General's association with the Kuomintang stretches back more than 40 years. He belongs to the contracting circle of world-famous foreigners who had something to do with Dr. Sun's early revolutionary party.

General Cohen's military title was conferred personally by Dr. Sun.

He is reported and admired by the leaders of Chinese Governmental Society in whose midst he spent more than 20 years he moved freely. The General, like the late Mr. William Donald and General "One-Arm" Sutton, invariably had access to the highest Chinese quarters.

Now returned from active life, General Cohen resides in Montreal, Canada, where he is writing his memoirs which should provide fascinating reading for people interested in the China story.

He is in Hong Kong for a week's stay in the course of a two-months tour of the Far East. He came here from England.

When I visited the General at his hotel for an interview, he expressed unwillingness to be drawn into the contemporary political confusion in China. Possessing a

magazine. Innumerable incidents touching on his early career give piguancy to a colourful life.

The General's association with Dr. Sun Yat-sen was so clearly defined that for a time to Westerners had access to the great Chinese leader unless they were approved by him.

The story is told of a bullet-tempered European diplomat who was kept waiting in an anteroom for two hours before he was permitted to see Dr. Sun.

Exasperated with his long wait, the ambassador forgot one of the first lessons of diplomacy and demanded rudely of Dr. Sun the reason for the long wait.

As the Chinese statesman deliberated to say, a well-built man approached the diplomat and gently tapped him on the shoulder, saying "Look here, sir, Dr. Sun was sleeping and I decided not to wake him up."

Looking from one man to the other, a picture of submission totally in contrast with the bold dash of his revolutionary enterprise, Dr. Sun added "Do please forgive me, Your Excellency. Captain Cohen does what he likes with me. Really, one of these days I must protest."

Mr. Monico Pereira has just left Shanghai in disgust after an unbroken stay of 61 years. The new rulers of the town made his life so unbearable that retirement there, on which he had planned, is now out of the question.

In Hong Kong to spend Christmas with his son, he intends to retire in Macao, where he was born 72 years ago.

Still active after a life devoted to outdoor sports, Mr. Pereira is a widower whose three sons are making their own way in China, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

His one regret is that none of them has yet given him a grandson.

Mr. Pereira worships at the shrine of Lady Luck because once she smiled on him in a generous way. He is one of the few people who actually won first prize in a Champions sweepstake.

He recalls the incident tearfully because, being young at that time, he raced through the money after the fashion of unthinking spendthrifts.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

A chain of miracles

clearer insight into the workings of higher Chinese thought than most people, General Cohen refrained from making any statement likely to infringe on his sharply defined standards of courtesy.

He merely said that as a tested friend of the Chinese people, he deplored the country's internecine war.

General Cohen has been the subject of many articles and stories in British and American

"You can imagine how I felt," he says, "when somebody wrote me saying that I had won \$20,000. I was really more excited than happy. For an hour or two I didn't know what to do, and then I decided to take a long, long holiday, and I went to Japan for a year."

Three times successful business deals brought fortunes within his reach, and yet when he left Shanghai a few weeks ago Mr. Pereira only carried essential luggage and set of bowling woods.

"Shanghai's recurrent wars make papers of us all," he told me. "The city has a habit of giving you a fortune, and then taking it away again."

But the stamp of a career of bustling activity is still firmly imprinted on Mr. Pereira. He plans to leave many clubs in Macao and visit the Macanese an exhibition of Shanghai prowess.

He dislikes being reminded that he is not so young as he was. "You are as old as you feel," he says, "and I do feel fit." He bought a ticket the other day for the New Year.

"I suppose I'll die if I win another first prize, but you know how lucky people always believe that lightning strikes the same spot twice," he told me.

Three times Fate threatened to extinguish his life but Providence, in the shape of unexpected success, stepped in at the psychological moment, Dr. C. J. Hart, the Bishop of Hong Kong's Secretary, told me yesterday.

The first Austrian to be granted British naturalisation after the second world war, Dr. Hart's career of trial and suffering is described by himself as a "chain of miracles."

Encounters with the Nazis and the Japanese have not hardened

the personality of a man who prefers to decline an official invitation to return to Austria because he feels that his duty is to remain in the Far East.

Speaking English with the barest suggestion of an accent, Dr. Hart told me the other day that 10 years ago, when he landed in Hong Kong as a penniless refugee from Nazi persecution, he knew only German.

"I thought then that life was over for me, but Fate intervened and I entered a new phase," Dr. Hart said.

Before he came to the Far East he practised law in Austria. After the Anschluss, "mysterious friends" told him to leave the country, and a passport was made available through the intervention of certain people whose identity escapes him to this day.

One of the tragedies of his life was the impossibility of his wife's joining him here, with the result that she died in a Nazi concentration camp.

Soft-spoken and sincere at all times, Dr. Hart's friendliness guided him through the respect of the Japanese during the occupation, which he utilized to the best advantage. He removed sacred objects from the Cathedral to places of safety when the Japanese were bent on destroying them.

Under the noses of the Japanese he smuggled prayer-books to internets at Stanley containing prayers for His Majesty the King. He maintained constant vigil over the interests of the Church of England in Hong Kong, and ran such grave risks that his life was in danger.

After the war gratitude was expressed in such a way that his application for naturalisation was removed from the bottom of the pile and placed on top.

Dr. Hart attributes his peace of mind and security of career today to the Right Reverend Roland Hall, the Bishop of Hong Kong, whom he describes as a "truly great man."

During Christmas his rooms at the Church Guest House on Upper Albert Road were filled with presents sent from Chinese and European friends in the Colony and abroad. Dr. Hart's friendships extend from the highest to the lowest, so that an anonymous student also saw fit to send him a hand-painted drawing in crude watercolours.

Two great moments of his life came when he visited Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, at Lambeth Palace, and Lord Lindsay, the Master of Balliol, at Oxford.

At the height of the war, when all his friends had been arrested and his own life was in danger, an old beggar woman came to his back door and softly whispered in his ear that she was really the wife of a great friend who had undergone many risks to take him to free China.

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ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT

LONDON LETTER

Atom production

The British Government will, I learn in authoritative quarters, accept the American plan for a new Anglo-U.S.-Canadian atomic energy division on of labour under which atom bomb production would be concentrated in the United States.

Expert from the three Powers will meet in Washington shortly to draft an agreement which can be submitted to Congress early in the new year.

It is proposed to revive the wartime atomic development partnership, with full interchange of information, a condition on which our Government will insist.

While not manufacturing the bomb, Britain would be able to draw on America's stock of an emergency reserve. (There is some possibility, I understand, of storing some of the bomb here without waiting for an emergency.)

America would continue to take the bulk of uranium supply from the Belgian Congo.

While Britain would lose her freedom to make the bomb, the new arrangements would enable her to concentrate on developing the peacetime industrial application of atomic energy.

Co-ordination

The co-ordination of Atlantic Pact defence planning is likely to follow the Paris meeting of Atlantic Union Defence Ministers.

Both Britain, Mr. A. V. Alexander and Mr. Ernest Bevin, pressed, I am told for the appointment of a liaison officer between the various regional planning groups and the Military Committee. At Washington, Secretary of State, Mr. A. L. B. Bevin, believes that the choice will fall on General Revers, French Chief of General Staff, and that his new headquarters will be fixed in London.

Although it had been widely expected that this vital co-ordination job, if created, would have been given to General Bedell Smith, U.S. First Army Commander, and former Ambassador in Moscow, I gather the Americans consider a Frenchman would be more suitable in view of the major role France is required to play in the defence, by land, of Western Europe.

It is suggested, however, that General Bedell Smith would not only lead American armies to Europe in the event of an emergency but would assume chief command of all Atlantic Union operational forces in Europe once America's contribution became predominant.

Women M.P.s.

It appears that all the women members of Parliament, with the exception of Lady Noel-Buxton, will seek re-election next year, and some Conservative women who lost their seats in 1945 are also on the list of candidates.

It seems possible therefore, that the hope that there will be more women as representatives at Westminster in the next Parliament will be fulfilled.

Lady Noel-Buxton has had a good deal of political experience and it may be that she feels it time to retire from public life. She won the North Norfolk seat for Labour in 1930, was defeated in 1931, and returned in 1945.

As she is keenly interested in all aspects of child welfare, she has been a valuable member when questions affecting women and children have come up in the House.

Exports

End-of-the-season visitors from abroad have been spending more than in previous months under the personal export scheme, but the lion's share of this shopping outlay goes to London.

According to the Board of Trade figures just released, the personal export scheme, which allows tourists to take home a certain amount of goods, has been a success. Nearly nine tenths of Britain's "personal export" takings during October, Altogether, goods worth more than £400,000 were sent overseas under the scheme, well over twice the monthly average for the June-to-September period.

Manchester's share of the money spent was £3,000 against £12,000 spent in Edinburgh and £10,000 in Glasgow. Liverpool led with Belfast at £3,000.

Anglo-French art

The galleries and private collections of France and England contribute in about equal proportion to the unique collection of landscape paintings by French artists now to be admired at Burlington House.

This exhibition is the first in a programme of artistic exchanges arranged under the terms of the signed Anglo-French Cultural Convention. It is an auspicious beginning and the highest credit is due to those who have had the vision and arrangement of the pictures.

It illustrates the evolution of French landscape paintings from 1500 to 1900.

Art students besides enjoyment of transcendent paintings by famous masters from Delacroix, Pissarro, and Gauguin, and from the latter to Corot, Monet and Degas, including many works never previously shown, will be able to follow the stages, from the 16th and 17th century idealists to the Early Impressionists, the Late Impressionists, the Post Impressionists, and the Naturalists.

East end art

Perhaps one of the most democratic of all art shows in London is that of the East End Academy in Whitechapel art gallery. It is the occasion when the coster and the cleric, the tradesman and the housewife in the working-class area of London combine in putting on a "people's own" exhibition.

Talent abounds in the East End, for this year almost 400 works have passed scrutiny for the show, which opens next Sunday. This is the largest entry for many years. The exhibitors include a former mayor, a blacksmith, a window-cleaner, a butcher, an engine-driver, a parson, a bus-conductor, and a typist.

The sole qualification demanded of artists is that they should live or work in one of London's East End boroughs. Few of them make a "fortune" at the Academy for the best artists regard ten guineas as the top figure they can expect for any picture.

Mr. Bevin's health

Though Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, will be accompanied by his medical adviser, Sir Alexander MacCall, during his trip to Colombo for the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference, his friends are not without anxiety. They feel that the strain of the long journey and the prolonged meetings, which are inevitable, may so affect him as to prevent him taking an active part in the general election campaign. That, it is considered, would be a great handicap to the Socialist Party. A fortnight's holiday on the South Coast did

benefit Mr. Bevin, but the good work was undone by a chill on returning to town, another proof of the way in which he has been overtaxing himself.

He protests that as there is very little wrong with him he can safely attend the Colombo Conference. Long-distance high altitude flying does not suit him, and therefore he is leaving on December 28, though the conference does not open until January 9th. Travelling to Rome on the Golden Arrow and the Home Express, he will stay the night in the Italian capital and leave early next morning in an RAF aeroplane for Egypt, where he will embark in the cruiser Kenya for the last part of his journey. Similar arrangements are proposed for the return journey. The rest of the British delegation are flying all the way to Colombo and back.

In miniature

A tiny cinema which has opened in the West End of London is destined to present up to 3,000 different films a year to an average audience of two or three. It is the new home of the British Board of Film Censors who have had no cinema of their own since their premises were bombed in 1941.

Not much bigger than a large drawing room, this cinema, in miniature has all the usual features, even down to the familiar "Exit" sign. Equipped with lounge chairs, the auditorium can seat about ten.

For many of the films, however, a couple of censors will comprise the audience. On special occasions, up to 100 films which call for a concentration of censors, as many as seven members of the Board may make something approaching a "full house."

Few can envy them their task. Their cinema-going amounts to being and "letting" an average daily programme of ten assorted films from Continental dramas to comedies, cartoons and documentaries.

Hospital for cars

A hospital for cars, claimed to be the first of its kind in the world, has been visited by correspondent Kay Murray in New York.

The "hospital" is a two-floor, steel and plate glass building less than a quarter of a mile from Broadway. All the worried motorist has to do is "drive in," stroll over to a comfortable lounge or smoke-room—and leave his car to the care of mechanics and Science.

First the ailing car is driven on to a dynamometer—an almost human brain developed especially for the car hospital. The dynamometer comprises a series of highly sensitive rollers which "ride" the car through every possible manoeuvre. The "brain" then records the car's reactions and automatically passes the information on to instrument panels which in turn show the mechanics exactly what is wrong.

The director of the hospital, maintaining that even the most complicated repair job never takes longer than a few hours, explains this speedy service by the fact that "The dynamometer gives every mechanic a clear, scientific picture of the car's condition without any guesswork."

Even so, if the trouble is merely a faulty headlight or door-handle, it would seem easier if the driver reported the fault himself.

Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes

THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

The House of Commons was not one of the places plunged into darkness by the irresponsible antics of impatient trade unionists in the nationalised electricity industry.

But it might have been a great deal better, instead of depriving hospitals and other public services of their vital supply, to have allowed M.P.'s' trivial end-of-session backings to peter out in decent obscurity.

Prorogation has now put an end to the wretched electioneering which is all the Chamber has been used for since Mr. Attlee's refusal to consult the country in the autumn.

It is very difficult to think so ill of the Prime Minister as to believe him capable of prolonging the nation's agony for a further six months, in which we shall be treated to the unbroken spectacle of the King's Ministers behaving as party ringleaders rather than as national leaders.

Hard campaign

It is not even very easy to see what possible party advantage could be in such a course, for the candidate thought it might in that position become fed up with all the political games which have been played up with those politicians responsible for creating such a situation.

Mr. Attlee's own fault that he is not faced with the disagreeable prospect of a hard campaign in a hard world. In Socialist circles, it is unquestionably stood up to the party in the September election.

It is a Mr. Bevin who was widely credited with having finally convinced the chief to carry on in office until 1950, and it is Mr. Bevin who is today reported as being moved in favour of a June election.

He is a certain enough to drift and let the country drift with him. He does not care how heavy Mr. Morrison will find the parliamentary time on his hands. And in any case he is anxious not to miss a sunny holiday cruise to Colombo, where he, no doubt, hopes to produce some rambling variations on that old Southport theme of his before his assembled Commonwealth opposite numbers.

There are probably plenty of Socialists who share Mr. Bevin's characteristic desire for a policy of hibernation, but there are plenty more who share the general hope that this peculiar Parliament will not be summoned again save to hear its dissolution announced.

The session that has just ended has marked a further decline in the standard of debate and of speaking generally in the Commons. Mr. Churchill completely outclasses all his rivals. Far behind him comes Mr. Aneurin Bevan, whose matter never matches his manner, and whose talents in this respect so far exceed those of his hated rival, Mr. Herbert Morrison.

Mr. Churchill dominates the Westminster scene, even in his absence, and in more senses than one, Socialists on the front bench and back benches alike have for more than four years never tired of interlarding their own more pretentious speeches with long excerpts from the writings and utterances of the Leader of the Opposition.

And when they are not tapping this field, so rich in opinions of every kind, they turn to Lord Randolph Churchill, whose eloquent Radicalism and whose bitter denunciations of his own party, faithfully recorded by his son, provide more brilliant ammunition of Conservatism than anything of which present-day Socialists are capable.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who had been dusted off and sent into Front Bench action again, made it distressingly evident that his memory, like so much else about him, is not what it was. Forgetting a lifetime in the Labour movement, he actually pretended that he "had never heard a more disgraceful and contemptible speech than that of Mr. Hogg."

He was forgetful of parliamentary usage too, and found himself forced by the Chair to withdraw a shocking expression which he had not noticed Mr. Hogg's lips. Mr. Greenwood retorted with indignation rather than with facts Mr. Hogg's charge that the Labour Party's accounts are "cooked."

Half-baked

Mr. Greenwood is the party treasurer, a post which may or may not be thought a fitting one for a man who has declared that pounds, shillings, and pence are "meaningless symbols." They are certainly symbols which, in certain accounts, can conceal as well as proclaim a meaning.

The Labour Party finances are not "cooked." In any criminal way, nor would anyone suggest such a thing, but as they are now presented, they are designedly half-baked. If it were not so, why was Mr. Hogg's amendment not accepted?

Mr. Hogg, in a digression, was able to show that if there is the slightest substance in Sir Hartley Shawcross's interpretation of the law about corrupt practices, Mr. Michael Foot and Mr. Donald Bruce, authors of an electioneering yellow-back called "Who are the Patriots?" are in far graver peril than Mr. Cude.

But Sir Hartley's zeal in rushing to give some legal substance to Mr. Morrison's political threats has probably been excessive. For he has now been led into saying exactly the opposite of what he said when he presented the Representation of the People Act to Parliament in 1948.

He is a glib fellow right enough, is our Attorney-General, who has been busy over-grooming himself, so they say, to succeed the ineffectual Mr. Bevin at the Foreign Office. The change would be noticeable. But it is scarcely the job for Sir Hartley. The notice on the Foreign Office door should be reading "Smart lad wanted," but not "Smart lawyer wanted."

In the Lords, the debating has by contrast with the Commons been on a steadily high level throughout this Parliament. But electioneering was creeping its dismal way in here too. First, we had Lord Pakenham stage-managing his own mock martyrdom. And then last week Lord Addison, in the grounds debate, sought to arraign Lord Salisbury for stating mildly certain facts about Sir Leslie Plummer, whose administrative talents, or lack of them, have been an important subject of Mr. Strachey's lively conversations in Africa last week.



"Every pound we earn is worth about seven bob, and the Government takes eight bob—so I ask you!"

Poor Sir Leslie, even his best friend (and Mr. Strachey is clearly that) won't be able to tell him in what bad odour he is with the boys in Africa. But if Plummer goes he will have to take his Ministerial male with him—or should have to, if there is honour left among old guard revolutionaries.

Gramophone town

Czechoslovakia, the country which produced Bata, the world's first shoe town, is now building a town that manufactures nothing but gramophones.

In the hills 15 miles West of Prague, the tiny and hitherto unknown village of Lodenice—a Nazi V-weapon factory during the war is now being developed as the largest and most compact record-making centre in Europe.

Lodenice, reports correspondent Eric Bourne, hopes to produce 10 million records a year as well as gramophones, electric players and automatic record changers. Nor will Lodenice be dependent upon outside aid. All the raw materials for making records will be processed within the town.

Eight out-of-date factories are being scrapped so that the new industries may be concentrated in more modern buildings. Nor is there any austerity limit controlling the materials used. By the middle of next year the gramophone experts of Lodenice hope to have workshops, laboratories and recording studios in full production.

If this is achieved then 85 per cent of the records will be put aside for trade with the West—not to mention the gramophones, electric players and record changers which the Czechs believe will be the best in the world.



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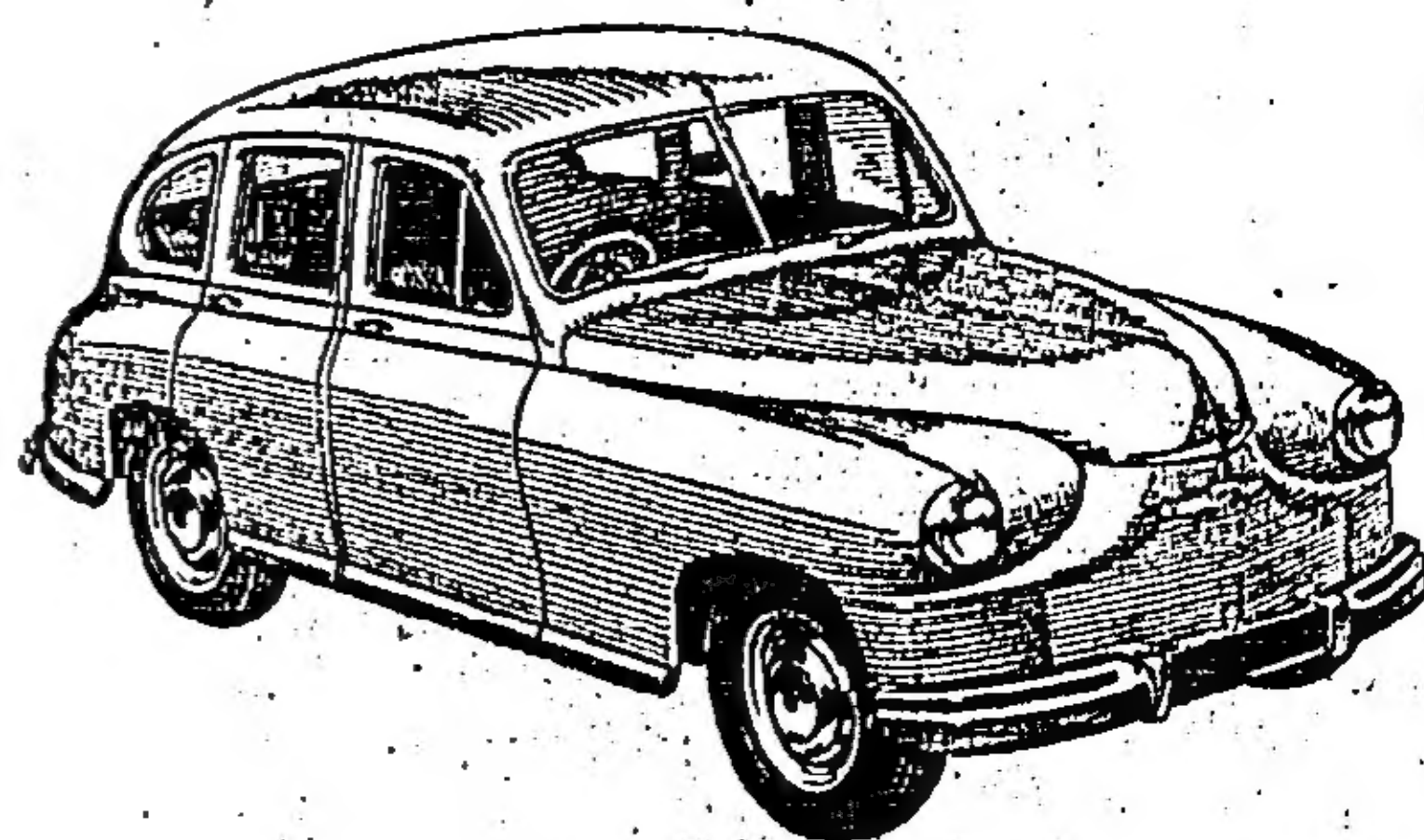
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RUSSIA TO BUILD 1,000 SUBMARINES

London, December 31.

A report that the target for Russia's expanding undersea fleet is 1,000 submarines in service within the next two years is given in the 1949-50 edition of Jane's Fighting Ships.

Russia's proposed construction programme is treated with reserve.

LIE'S CALL FOR FAITH

Lake Success, December 30.

Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, tonight laid down a series of resolutions for the countries of the world.

He told the world in a broadcast over the United Nations radio station, "Have faith, do not despair. Work for peace and we shall get it. Do for your neighbours what you want them to do for you. Be aware that the world is one and must remain one. Remember we are all sharing each other's fate."

Mr. Lie added, "It is my firm belief that in coming years we shall have courage and wisdom to use our common platform of the United Nations to control our differences and to spread wide the knowledge and advance of our civilization. There is no national alternative to choose. I believe that the majority of statesmen and peoples realise that in our modern world, war is rapidly becoming outdated."

He continued, "A few days ago a new nation was born. The United States of Indonesia. It emerged peacefully in the end as a result of the conclusion undertaken by the United Nations. War and violence could not solve this problem. It is already being said that a beginning has been made towards the creation of a new era without war. United Press.

AUTHOR'S DEATH

London, December 30.

The death of Thomas Whelan, author of the novel "The Last Days of Pompeii," was announced today.

It is pointed out that many of the reports from different sources could not be reconciled.

"It was felt that the best course was to present with all due reserve such reports as might interest the discerning student of warships and naval construction." According to the information, about 300 submarines of various types are believed to exist in the Russian Navy, including ex-German tonnage.

"It is reported that a large number of new submarines (possibly over 100) were put in hand for delivery in 1948-49. Under the current naval programme within the new Five-Year Plan it was hoped to have 1,000 submarines completed for service by 1950-51, of which 400 were to be in the Far East, 300 in the Baltic and the remainder in the White and Black Seas."

Long-range type

Here Jane's sounds a note of caution. "It is doubtful whether the Russians have the shipyard capacity and the trained technicians necessary to build an underwater fleet of the size to such a short time. It is reported that a type of submarine with a very great range and a very high submerged speed is being built."

The section on Russian submarines is illustrated with 21 photographs, including those of craft with a recorded submerged speed of up to 18 knots.

The current issue might be said to mark the changeover of the world's principal navies from war to peace-time requirements. The deletion of obsolete ships and the reported restriction of new tonnage under construction, the adoption by the great Powers of a policy of "make-do and mend," reflect the uncertainty about future warship design.

"Revolutionary" designs

"There are signs that new warships are in the making. Warships are being designed not as improvements or developments of previous classes, but from first principles for a specific role of countering a potential enemy type."

"In the next few years we are likely to see several categories of warships of revolutionary type: the atomic bomb carrier, the guided missile command ship, the task force command ship, the anti-submarine cruiser, rocket destroyers, fast low-lying frigates and gas turbine ships."

For the first time in Jane's, the sloops, corvettes and Hunt class destroyers are reclassified as frigates. This class now includes 167 ships, all from 1,000 to 1,600 tons, with speeds varying from 16 to 27 knots.

As already announced, two fast anti-submarine frigates of a new

type are to be laid down as part of the new construction programme. Jane's points out that they will be the first major warships the Admiralty has ordered since the war.

BIDAULT WINS OUT

Paris, December 30.

The French Government headed by the Popular Republican Premier, M. Georges Bidault, today won the "battle of the taxes" which has been going on between it and a big section of its own Centre and right wing supporters for the past 40 days.

Late this afternoon the Assembly gave the Government a majority of 18 votes on the two test clauses of the Bill increasing the production tax by one per cent to 13 and a half per cent, and the other a tax on undistributed corporate profits.

The two taxes were estimated to produce 62 milliard francs.

A series of concessions made during the drawn-out debate enabled the Government finally to rally a small majority. One of its major concessions was to drop the tax on road transport.

The right wing Radicals, who led the attack against the Government, declared themselves satisfied with what they called the first stage in a systematic assault on the spendthrift planners.

In a final appeal to support the Government, M. Bidault said that France was suffering from the effects of two disastrous and costly wars.

The continuity of a Republic was essential, he declared. M. Bidault said that France was spending much less on defence than the United States and other big nations. Even Switzerland was spending 30 per cent, whereas the national defence costs in the De Gaulle Budget amounted to less than 20 per cent of the total.

The Government took the unusual course of submitting the second motion of confidence five minutes after the first, so that deputies voted on the two at once. Reuter.

A NEW DISH

Vienna, December 30.

"Elephant Goulash" at from one schilling 50 pence in three shillings a portion is attracting customers at a restaurant here.

The meat came on the market when a famous dancing circus elephant had to be shot after it had attacked its owner. The restaurant's patrons say that the meat is a great delicacy. Reuter.



JOURNEY'S END

BRITONS DRINK LESS BUT SMOKE AS MUCH

London, December 31.

The smoker was again the largest single contributor to the Exchequer during the year ended March 31, 1949. He provided 39 per cent of the total revenue from Customs and Excise duties.

This is disclosed in the annual report of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

Total revenue from the duties reached the new record of £1,557 million. This is £136 million more than in 1947-48 and £373 million above the 1916-17 figure.

The report says that the increase of 2d on a packet of 20 cigarettes, imposed in April, 1948 had no significant effect on consumption.

In the second half of the year consumption of beer fell from 8,800,000 standard barrels to 7,300,000, and cheap table wines from 97,200 gallons to 414,000. Football and similar pools contributed £12,300,000 during the year. All but two "very minor pools," whose promoters were prosecuted, co-operated in the collection of the pools betting tax.

£94 million turnover

The report says 122 football and similar pools with an estimated total turnover of £94 million, were operating. Receipts from totalisators on greyhound races were £9,360,000.

The turnover at these tracks was estimated at £94 million. The new licence duty imposed on bookmakers at greyhound tracks where totalisators operated realised £1,700,000 in fewer than eight months.

The report reveals a sharp increase in the number of seizures of smuggled goods—from 24,624 in 1947-48 to 31,938 in 1948-49. Tobacco amounted to 19,857 lb and foreign spirits totalled 1,204 gallons.

Purchase tax

Other points made in the report are: Purchase Tax. Revenue from this source showed another substantial rise, from £246 million to £291 million. This is attributed to the increase in rates under the November, 1947, Budget, which was not affected by the reductions made in April 1948, until the second part of the year. Another factor was the growth in the volume of consumer goods available.

Spirits: A 10 per cent drop in home consumption, mainly in whisky and gin, is recorded. Revenue rose from £283,400,000 to £300,900,000 following increases in rates of duty.

Tea: Revenue was collected almost entirely on Empire blends. At £10,500,000, it was slightly higher than in the previous year, but the subsidy, at 10½d a lb, was also greater.

Coffee: Revenue was £400,000 compared with £420,000. This was because a large proportion of the coffee came from Empire sources, on which a preferential rate of duty is charged.

FREAK BIRTH

Glessen, Germany, December 30.

A 17-year-old German wife gave birth to Siamese twins and a single girl—hero, hospital authorities reported.

The twins were delivered dead after the birth of a 2½ pound girl. The twins had two heads and four legs put only one body and two arms. Associated Press.

SYRIA QUIET

Damascus, December 30.

A report from Cairo that plans for yet another Syrian Coup d'etat were frustrated today is described here as unfounded. Everything is quiet and the new Cabinet was in normal session in Aleppo today.

Students demonstrated for the Government. Associated Press.

GENERAL ELECTION FORECAST

London, December 30.

Political quarters predict an early 1950 General Election after the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, decided to cut short his year-end holiday. These quarters say he may name a date within the next fortnight, and predict late February or early March as the most likely dates.

Prophets of a February general election profess to see fresh support for their tip in the announcement that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will not visit India and Pakistan after the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference in Ceylon.

Political quarters, however, generally do not think that Mr. Bevin's decision, taken with much regret, has any specific bearing upon the election timing.

They consider that if any immediate dissolution of Parliament is planned, he would not have gone to the Conference, which will keep him away for about a month.

Meanwhile, Socialist left wing circles continue to press the Government for an early election. The Socialist weekly "Tribune," whose editorial board includes Miss Jennie Lee, Member of Parliament and wife of the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, said today that "an early election is the first major event of 1950, to which the energies of the nation must naturally turn."

The "Tribune" declared that until the nation has decided on the broad principles on which it is to be governed in the coming few years, it is not possible to expect that the new initiatives required by the times could be taken.

Mr. Attlee will return to London on Monday from a Christmas holiday at Chequers, his official country residence in Buckinghamshire.

BRITISH MP'S IN BELGRADE

Belgrade, December 30.

A delegation of British Labour M.P.s arrived here today to inspect Yugoslavia's post-war reconstruction programme. Associated Press.

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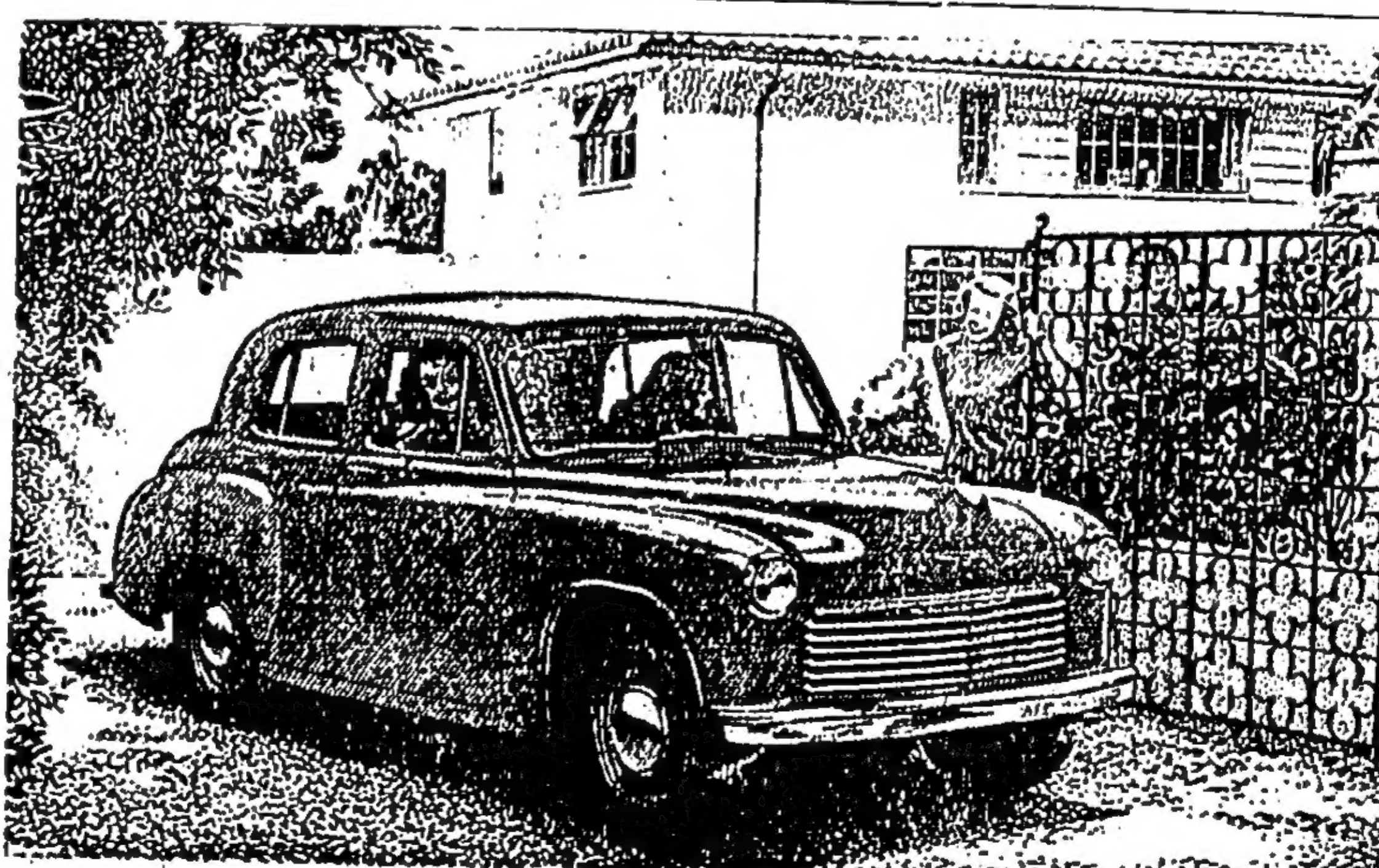
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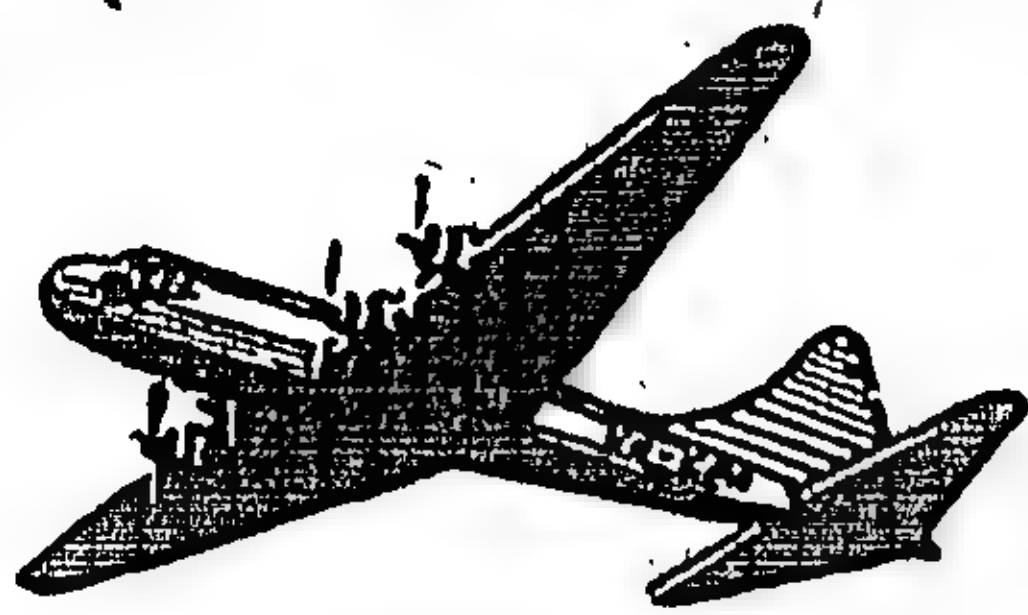
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1950 ASIA'S CRITICAL YEAR

In his Christmas broadcast, the King summoned the nation to continued effort, and linked recovery at home with greater tanks abroad—"the playing of the full part we ought to play in the world." An Agency message from London about the same time referred to Britain's anxious concern about Asia, and said that 1950 is regarded by Britons as Asia's critical year. This projection of the mind, and its hopes and fears, away from austerity at home to far more distant horizons is at once a token of domestic confidence and far-ranging vision.

Let us be quite clear about one vital thing as we think about the new year. Many have misunderstood the mighty events in Asia which have followed the war. They have seen them in terms of abdication in the larger sense they are profoundly wrong. Britain has sloughed off certain intimate responsibilities. British magistrate, policeman, district officer and all the alien instruments of domestic government have gone from India and the Concessions in China. The parish and its pump have receded into the remote background.

The issues now are as broad and deep as ever affected the destiny of mankind. They involve the way of life of countless millions—and nothing less than that. The broad conflict is clear enough, though it is on a world scale and therefore more complex than a conflict in the life of any single nation. In this world conflict we have to show all wavers that our way is the right way, and we have to show it by practical demonstration and results rather than by precept and fine sentences. It has to be shown not in our own lands alone but also in those in Asia which have newly won their independence or, like Japan, will soon have to choose for themselves. These at least have been put on the right road. It remains the responsibility of the West to help them as they move forward towards a richer and fuller life.

China for the time being is going her own way, a hard way—a way "leaning to one side." The inclination is assuredly not permanent and for so great a people not entirely natural. If Britain is capable of standing on her own feet—as she will when her battle is over—so is China. Help was and is needed by both of us. We believe, and have always believed, in the truth and vitality of the mission of the West in China. In most of the rest of Asia it has been fulfilled in fundamentals. In China the challenge remains, and we have to gird up our loins to answer it—first by example and practice in the new nations of Asia and then, in the fullness of time, by the direct application of help.

The contest has not been lost in China—far from it. It has hardly begun, and it will be a long and tough business. For some time to come the Chinese will go their chosen way without us. Our role will be little more than that of spectators. That will change, too. But it is perhaps the more valuable and the more salutary for the Chinese to grapple with their huge problems with their own hands. The tempo will be quicker, the ordeal harsher, the lessons more penetrating and conclusive, and the ultimate synthesis more permanent.

There can be no question on our part of default in this issue—China is too vast and vital a factor in Asia and the world for that. Much of what the British have created in China remains as a silent witness to the co-operation—

THE YEAR IT DIDN'T!

I herobly acclaim 1949 as "The Year-When-It-Didn't-Happen-After-All."

For nearly 12 months Britain has been successfully avoiding what looked like the worst. Perhaps Uncle Joe Stalin had plenty of chuckles over at his birthday celebrations, but he certainly has not caused us as much trouble as most of us once expected.

This time nearly a year ago we were cut off in Berlin trying to feed 2,000,000 people in the worst flying weather Germany had had for 30 years.

We had only enough electricity to light Berlin for two hours a day. The trees in the streets were being cut down to burn. Our next worry we thought was "When will the Russians cut off the telephone?"

But five months later Mr. Bevin was able to announce that the blockade was going to be raised and that the Four Powers were going to discuss the whole question of Germany.

And do you remember that clash in the Middle East? Early in the new year the Israeli forces began linking up along the Egyptian border. On January 7, 1949, a patrol of RAF planes was sent to reconnoitre the Egyptian side of the frontier. Four British Spitfires and one Tempest were shot down either by Israeli fighters or anti-aircraft fire.

At the same time there was every chance of trouble on the Red Sea when they told us that in response to a request from the Transjordan Government under the terms of the 1948 Treaty with Britain, a British force has been sent to the Red Sea port of Akaba.

To-day the armistice between Israel and Transjordan still stands and the two countries have already made an unofficial alliance to ward off United Nations control of the Holy City.

The very month that Transjordan and Israel signed their armistice, Ireland left the British Empire. One of her objects in doing so was to make an international hubbub over the question of Northern Ireland, which it would like to annex.

When Mr. Costello introduced the Republican Bill he said that it would take away the Northern Ireland problem "from the position in which the British were

anxious to keep it by saying that it was an Irish problem to be settled in Ireland.

Another storm brews

"We will put it on the plane of international affairs to which it belongs," he added. "We cannot use our sovereign independence and we will use it on whatever Government is in power, as long as the problem is solved internationally if it is not solved by the North and ourselves."

In other words Britain could watch out for another storm. But the Republic of Ireland have managed to pass a law recognising that there are now three classes of countries with which the United Kingdom has relations—the members of the British Empire, foreign countries, and the Republic of Ireland.

Things seem not much worse than before.

Also in April it looked as though India might be thinking of leaving the Empire, too. That month a meeting of commonwealth Prime Ministers was called in London to see whether India could carry out her intention of becoming an independent Republic and still remain within the Empire.

We solved that one, too, by means of a declaration in which India said that she wished to continue her full membership of the Commonwealth and to accept the King as the symbol of the free association of its independent member nations and as such the Head of the Commonwealth.

By John Fisher

Future headaches

Looking ahead one can see at least four headaches for the poor old Western world:

1. At the United Nations, Russia is already past her thirtieth veto and has balked at attempts to set up an efficient system of control for atomic weapons.

2. Western Europe helped by the United States has a possible 2,000,000 troops to hold their line against a Soviet army of 4,000,000. Britain, France and the U.S. have to defend Germany without apparently building up a German army.

3. At the same time Britain and France have to stem a strongly running Communist tide in the Far East. Victorious Chinese Red troops are facing with our garrison at Hong Kong, subversive Communist organisations are at work within the colony itself.

4. Britain and other West European countries have to try to drop their Customs barriers and so close down those expensive industries which cannot exist under free competition. Unless this is done Americans may well take the view that aid to Europe is just not good business.

Then came what may have been the nearest shave of all—the quarrel between Tito and Stalin.

The row broke out publicly in June, 1948, but it was not until nearly a year later that the Yugoslav Government complained to Moscow that the hostile activities of the Soviet Government were turning the Treaty signed in 1945 into "a dead letter."

Tito gets tough

Nothing could be more presumptuous and foolish than to write of a country's present and future after a short visit to a small portion of it.

One glance at a map shows what a small fraction of the whole Canada is the area bounded by Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto, which were my four ports of call.

It is true that the wealth and the power, the seat of Government and the main industrial establishments are largely concentrated in this area; but I saw nothing of the boundless wheat-fields of the Western prairies, nor of the grandeur of the Rockies, nor of pleasant and fertile British Columbia, nor of old France in Quebec, nor of the great forests in the North, nor of the fisheries of the Maritime Provinces in the East, nor of the new-found oil-fields in the West, nor of the Aladdin's cave of mineral wealth in the North West, where the magic formula of "Open Sesame," as only lately been pronounced, and the explorers have hardly crossed the threshold of the cave.

Size of Europe

So it is as well to begin with the simple statement that Canada is approximately the same size as Europe, and that I visited an area of it about the size of Switzerland. Yet Canada is of such importance to ourselves and to the world that the impressions of even so circumscribed a view may be worth putting on record.

It is just 25 years since I paid a similar short visit to Canada; and while the strides which the nation has made since then in economic progress are plainly visible and remarkable, it is the spiritual growth which has made the deepest impression on me.

and, alas, compulsions — of other generations. Greater work remains to be done, and the opportunity will come in due time. New possibilities are seen even in the hour of rejection, for we have seen new reserves of energy, idealism, and honesty replace the evils which destroyed the Kuomintang Government. Let us hope we shall not have to wait, in doing our part in the re-birth of China and her prosperity, until these young men, too, have had their backs and hearts broken by a task that clamantly needs these qualities of the spirit—but so much else as well.

ARNHEM MEN FIGHT ON

By Mary Benedetta

Five years have passed since the fame of the Airborne Forces reached its peak—yet there are Men in Red Berets who are still fighting.

But the scene and the enemy have changed. The foe is tuberculous; the battlefield a luxury sanatorium in the Swiss Alps where former Airborne men are being rescued from the threat of death.

The rescuers are the Airborne Forces Security Fund T.B. Scheme, the Swiss authorities—and the men themselves.

Come with me to the Belvedere at Leysin, 4,950 feet above sea-level, and overlooking the breath-taking scenery of the Dents du Midi. Come and meet the warriors.

The first bedroom, An Airborne bungalow on the door. A knock. A cheerful voice calls: "Come in!"

Angus fell ill in Normandy

Inside is Angus Cross, fresh-complexioned, young, from Leighton, Essex. At his bedside are radio, books, magazines. Back in 1944 Angus was fighting in Normandy.

He was proud of his fitness—as they all were. Proud of his regiment's record. And when he began to feel ill, he did not complain. The battle was too hot, and every man was needed.

But he was coughing, and he feared that his cough would betray their position to the enemy, so at last he reported sick.

The hospital M.O. busy tending the war-wounded, diagnosed flu and sent him to the base hospital.

It was the naval doctor of the transport ship who first tumbled to the fact that I had T.B. But he did not tell me," he said.

They did not tell me in England either. It was a shock to discover at a Preston hospital that I was in the T.B. ward.

For four years he was in a bed in England, getting no better, until 18 months ago the T.B. scheme rescued him and sent him on stretcher to Leysin. Today he is recovering.

His treatment would cost a private patient £1,000 to £1,500 a year. It cost Angus nothing.

For though the Belvedere reminds you irresistibly of a luxury Grand Hotel with its comfort, efficiency, welcoming staff and all the appearances of wealth, the security fund pays only 30s. a day (it was £1 before devaluation) for each patient.

The rest of the bill is footed by the Swiss—a magnificent gesture, especially at a time when the Swiss industry of curing T.B. has been hard hit by devaluation.

Here again I would record my feeling that compared with 25 years ago the Canadian is more aware of himself and no longer anxious to impress the visitor with the future of his country; he allows the impression to form itself.

A great nation already, Canada has a still greater future. She has her problems and difficulties like all nations, but there seems to me more common sense in government, more vigour and enterprise in the people and less "belly-aching" (to use Field-Marshal Montgomery's expressive if inelegant phrase) than probably any-where else in this distracted world of ours. Common sense and confidence—these are the qualities required in the world today, and Canada has them in a refreshing measure.

The crook posed as a maharajah's envoy

(Continued from Page 11)

In another few moments two burly detectives had pushed aside their watery refreshment-room tea, to hurry out as they heard the approaching purr of Macintosh's little plane slanting into Crofton.

Loot sent by post

Mr. Augustus Wiley clambered out. He was whiter by far now than his two-day-old dress shirt. The detectives laid firm detaining hands upon him.

Bobby Macintosh scratched with oily hands at his ear, viewed the rusted-up room with some embarrassment, then said: "Well, I'm off for Spain now. If nobody minds."

At the Old Bailey Charles Augustus Wiley was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for larceny by trick. He had remained cool, indignant and dignified throughout the trial.

We recovered all the jewels. Some were found on him and the others were discovered in a parcel which he had sent by registered post when he stepped out of the taxi at Streatham.

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Our Serial Story

CASE OF THE HAITIAN HORDE

By Walt Anderson

"You see," Hugo was saying, "this voodoo business is deep rooted. It's an attitude towards life and death and the life beyond. Here they follow the cult of the serpent. Tonight you will see things, after the labour in the fields is done. For the men have come from many miles around to plant, and no one gets paid. But at night is the feasting and the dancing and the cockfights."

It was getting dark and the men returned from the fields. They feasted off a highly-spiced stew and we joined them. There was *clairin*, the new rum, in gourds. The giant who brought us pointed out Napoleon's grandson, Hector, and the Commissioner addressed him.

"We realize Napoleon could not have gotten here yet; we have questions to ask. You expect him?"

"I fear he is in trouble again," said Hector.

"There has been trouble before?"

"Ever since *le blanc* came."

"*Le blanc*? The white one? You recall his name?" pressed Hugo.

"Never have I heard it. But one thing I know—Napoleon is in terrible fear of him."

"Sounds like it might be Old George," I suggested.

Hector was troubled. "This *le blanc*, he may come here?"

"No," I answered. "He will never come, that I can promise you. By the way, what did this man want of Napoleon?"

"Grandpa was once a diver, even as his father before him. He knows many things. He has the wisdom of the serpent, nor is he one to stay here in the valley. His life is out there. Perhaps he comes soon. You will no doubt wish to stay for the dancing."

The feasting broke up with much laughter and slapping of thighs. Outside an open structure with thatched roof had been built. Twilight gave way to a brilliant night ablaze with stars. The planting and the dancing would go on for three days, they said. The drummers were even now setting their huge tom-toms in place.

The women lit pipes. Some of them began to move, dancing alone, their arms raised. Soon everyone was chanting. The hard-packed earth floor was congested now.

The drums soared as the drummers' eyes gleamed, their heads jerking as if they were beating them against a huge, invisible totem. The sound seemed to summon the ancient gods.

Faster and faster the dancers whirled. It was a pulsating fever, a cry of despair. The drum beats filled the structure and overflowed into the valley, and beat through my brain endlessly, stirring the senses almost beyond enduring.

Hugo was tugging at my arm. He pointed, and by the light of the moon I thought I made out the figure of our vanished Napoleon. Suddenly the Commissioner lunged against me and threw me off my feet, even as a knife struck the post against which I had been leaning. The blade sang and quivered.

Hugo was all action. He raced into the night and I scrambled after him. A weird shadow was hurtling across a stream and the little commissioner plunged in and disappeared in a swirling rapid. He cried out. I dived after him and prayed I was in time.

CHAPTER IV

I grabbed for little Hugo, who was treading water and breathing like a walrus. But if his swimming was below-par, there was nothing wrong with his lungs. His bellows shattered the

tropical night, topping even the strident drum.

The dancers came on the run and eager hands hauled us out of the waters.

We lay on the grass, Hugo and I. Someone handed me a gourdful of *clairin* and fire roared through me. My senses sharpened and I recognized Hector, grandson of Napoleon.

"Messieurs, I am deeply troubled," he confessed. "But one thing I promise you as head of the family Chateaux—if Napoleon threw that knife, he will give himself up to you. Myself I think it was no mortal threw it, but the *lois*, a spirit of the dead."

We examined the nearby river to determine how this "spirit" had bounded so swiftly over swirling waters while we plunged up to our necks. And then I saw it—a tree trunk submerged some six inches beneath the surface, reaching almost from bank to bank. A most discerning "spirit" with a strong arm given to throwing knives.

We set out again to the drums that beat through the night and my brain as if they would never stop. Early light clawed the sky as we rode into Cap-Haitien. Before retiring, I sent off a radiogram to Michael Flanagan of Investigations, Inc., inquiring whether playboy Francois Cailler had left New York.

At high noon I woke, got the deck gang out, and we made ready to go below. Map or no map, I wanted to see what manner of wreckage littered the ocean bottom there.

"Blowhard" was in charge of the deck gang. He was a good man, though hardly as good as he told it. His exploits it seemed to me always smacked of the miraculous.

I went over the side and into the crystal-clear waters. Despite the phoney map, there was a sense of excitement. I unscrewed the outlet valve in my helmet that controls the air. It fizzed upward in bubbles and I lost buoyancy. On the bottom I adjusted the valve to maintain equilibrium. At 70 feet I peered out through my helmet's plate-glass windows. The ocean-bottom here was all pitted, with depths and canyons falling away. I stood in a great sunken garden, with sponge and flowerlike anemones, and coral in delicate tracery, and a myriad of tiny rainbow fish weaving zigzag paths.

In front of me a knife-like and deadly reef soared upwards, and half buried against its slope was a ship. I turned my lamps full on the wreckage. What struck my eyes was no bulging line of ancient galleon but the hulk of an iron rustbucket covered with barnacles and other living sea-things. The hull said, "MUNCHEN—Bremerhaven." Probably a German tub of World War I.

I pressed my chin down on the contact-piece in the helmet and by-and-by I heard "Blowhard" growl hoarsely. I told him to haul and soon I was back on deck with a dozen eyes tearing at me questioningly.

It was almost five when a bunch pulled up alongside with the Police Com-

missioner. He brought lots of news, some mail and two radiograms which I read and passed along to him. Ope read:

"MEET ME TUESDAY THREE P.M. AIRFIELD PORT-AU-PRINCE. HELEN."

The other was from Investigations, Inc., and was more enlightening.

"FRANCOIS CAILLER SHOT THROUGH HEAD THIS MORNING. STOP I WILL CHECK FURTHER. MIKE."

So Francois the playboy got his and Helen the glamour gal was on her way back! She had fallen hard for a bad egg and I found it in me to pity her.

The news too was interesting. Napoleon had come in of his own free will! We found the oldest of N. Bonapartes in the keeper's cottage and Hugo poured drinks all round.

Before testing, our Nap poured some of the liquid onto the ground to appease the spirits. Then he turned expectant eyes on us.

I told him we wanted information that I knew he feared *le blanc* and that *le blanc* could not possibly be the murdered man who never had set foot in Haiti before. I told him he had conspired to take a map.

Nap protested vehemently that he knew nothing; he hadn't thrown the knife; the map was not his. I broke that one down by describing the endpapers clipped from the book in his shack. He gave, but not much.

"Last year *le blanc* he is here in Haiti and he makes me to write down what he says," Nap told me. "Yes, I can write. Many years ago my father first taught me. He was a diver, and is killed by the water spirits."

"Of treasure my father knew many things," he continued. "But I am sorry about the map; it was not my idea. There is treasure here. I have seen it."

He dug into his pocket and came up with a metal disc, battered and worn. He slipped it into my hand and I examined it. It was a genuine Spanish real, one of the famous old "pieces-of-eight."

Then he said with satisfaction: "You thought me numbing in my beard. But many is the piece-of-eight I fish up from the sand drifts in Davy Jones' locker!"

"Who is this *le blanc*?" I shot back at him. He shut up like a clam, and so did I. I knew when I was licked.

Hugo recalled me from glitter and gold and galleons to a workaday world. "I'll have to hold you as a material witness," he informed Nap.

"It does not matter," the ancient one shrugged it off. "I have no place to go. The goat feeds where he is tied."

Outside, Hugo seemed lost in thought. "In the morning I drive you to Port-au-Prince. I have some business there."

It was a new turn and I remarked, "You suspect the girl?"

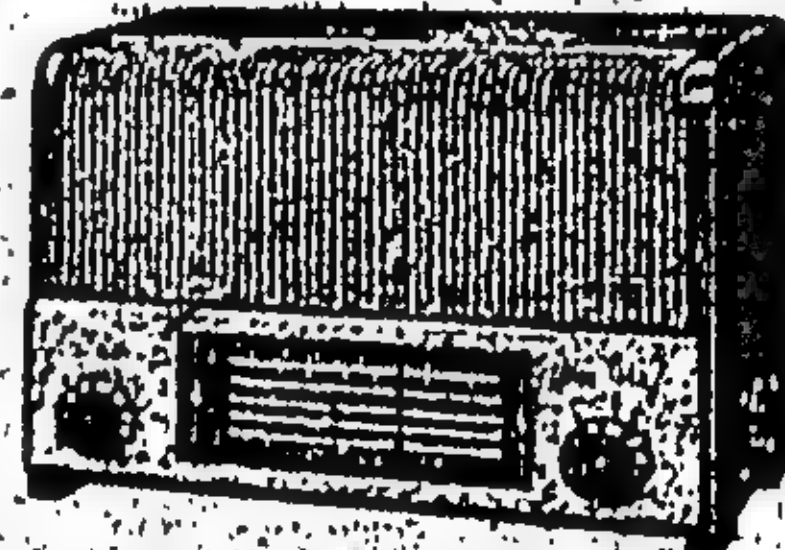
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Peter Quennell's Bookshelf

John P. Marquand, his publishers inform us, comes of an old New England family in the lineage of venerable American families you often find a Dutch strain; and it would not surprise me if a 17th-century Dutch painter were included among the forebears of this accomplished 20th-century novelist.

So many of his descriptions suggest a picture by Peter de Hooch in which everything is lucid and trim and compact: a rosy apple that waits to be peeled; rush-bottomed chairs expecting to be sat on; a half-open door on to a sunny, empty garden plot. The effect is cautiously realistic, yet in a curious way poetic.

On the face of it *Point of No Return*, Marquand's new novel and the *Daily Mail* Book of the Month, is a straightforward account of the gradually developing career of a middle-aged American business man who, when the story opens, is hoping to become vice-president of a sober New York banking house.

He makes a journey to the small, conservative Massachusetts town in which he was born and brought up, and with him we revisit his youth, meet his father and his mother — Mr. Gray, his improvident, optimistic, book-loving father, in a particularly brilliant portrait — learn how he rebelled against his early background, then accompany him home to New York and the pre-occupations of the present day.

So far all is simple and clear; but there is a subtle irony in Marquand's delineation of his worthy hero's character.

Walking circumspectly

BY THE REV. ROBERT F. V. SCOTT, D.D.

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

These words from today's Epistle have a truly topical ring. Apart from technical, economic and financial terms, St. Paul expresses here with commendable brevity the whole challenge of our present crisis. He calls on us to walk circumspectly.

There could hardly be an apter word with its root meaning of looking round, gauging direction and taking the right step toward the objective. It condemns both aimless wandering in the hope of reaching something better, and undisciplined enthusiasm, that in the vision of some glorious end is blind to the perils of the way.

Let there be any idea that circumspection implies hesitancy or slowness, the Apostle brings home the urgency of his call with the words "redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Again, could words be apter for our day? Time is the real coinage with which better conditions can be bought. Where it has been debased or frittered away, it must be redeemed. We cannot go back to do that.

It can be done only by the higher valuation of the coins of each day and hour that remain. They must have less of the alloy of contention and contrariness, and more of the pure silver of duty and discipline.

No doubt we ought to do all this. But there lies the trouble. The word "ought" has almost ceased to be an incentive in human affairs. It can hardly be otherwise since we have come so near to godlessness, for man's sense of duty derives ultimately from his sense of God.

Not only so. It is only in the light of God that duty itself is truly revealed, and men are saved from false choices in the weekday problems of life. To seek light is to find the unflinching incentive and unerring guidance that we need in our day.

Charles Gray is a successful and amiable person. He is going on and going up in the world, liked, respected, envied. He gets the vice-presidency of which he has dreamed — and gets it without undue sacrifice of his native pride and decency.

But is there not something perhaps a little wrong? Doesn't cold breeze occasionally blow through that burnished Dutch interior? Are the comfort and prosperity he has achieved really worth the effort?

It is not exactly that he has sold his soul; but in the process of coming to terms with the System — reaching his office on time, saying the right things to the president's wife, and exchanging the right jokes with the president over a diplomatic cocktail — we begin to suspect that the best part of himself has grown a trifle worn and dull-edged.

Here is the "Dutch of a Salesman" told in reverse — the life of a salesman who makes friends, influences people, and reaps all the rewards that every ambitious executive is supposed to heart to hanker after.

Success and failure are the novelist's themes. Charles Gray has climbed to security, whereas his father before him failed to keep the upward grade. Which of them was the happier and better man? Marquand discusses this problem, and its many and far-reaching implications, in a gently ironic and finely detailed story.

Let me recommend — as a magnificent gift for some exceptionally deserving favourite — *Landscape into Art* (John Murray), by the one-time director of London's National Gallery.

Not only does it contain good reproductions of more than 100 of the most beautiful landscape paintings that have

ever flowed from a human brush, but Kenneth Clark's explanatory essays are everything they should be — imaginative, illuminating, consistently readable, and packed with expert knowledge.

About this art critic's approach to his subject there is not the smallest touch of pedantry and not a hint of patronage. He writes of what he has himself enjoyed, and teaches us to extend the scope of our own pictorial pleasures. A glow of remembered enjoyment can be felt through every paragraph.

QUICK LOOKS

The Grand Peregrination, by Maurice Collis. (Faber).

Maurice Collis's books on the East are always well worth reading. Here he relates the remarkable adventures of a courageous 18th-century Portuguese, Fernao Mendes Pinto, who visited Japan, China, Malaya, Java, and Sumatra, with a fascinating wealth of detail and often in his own words.

The Search for Peace, by E. H. Carter. (Pitman).

Recommended reading for the thoughtful. A comprehensive sketch of world history in the light of present problems.

I Leap Over the Wall, by Monica Baldwin. (Hamish Hamilton).

After 28 years of selection from the world in an "enclosed" religious order, Monica Baldwin emerged to face the modern universe. A sympathetically written and, in parts, extraordinarily interesting account of one of the strongest and most disturbing experiences a modern woman ever lived through.

Fishing in creased pants

A clothing invention that will keep your suits and frocks "as good as new" for as long as you care to wear them, has been perfected in America.

From New York comes the news of claims of manufacturers who boast that the invention, in the form of new fabrics which never lose a crease, is one of the most important developments yet in the world of clothes.

Attending a meeting sponsored by the Philadelphia Textile Institute, correspondent Geoffrey Barker heard all about the new fabrics.

Besides never losing a crease — "a pair of trousers once pressed will last a life-time" — the fabrics are made of a synthetic fibre many times as strong as ordinary cloth. Although as light in weight as summer suit material, they provide enough warmth for the coldest weather.

So successful in fact are the new patented fabrics, that a number of U.S. textile manufacturers are experimenting with their own fabric inventions in case they are put out of business.

On the other hand many old-established firms taking a more practical view, comment, "Who wants to go fishing in creased pants?"

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. John Kyrle (1637-1724), English philanthropist.
2. A 17th-century treebooster of the Scottish border.
3. Richard III's. After the Battle of Bosworth.
4. "The wonderful one-hoss-shay," (See Oliver Wendell Holmes' "The Doctor's Masterpiece.")
5. (a) Paul Rogers; (b) Colonel Burnsby.
6. From the tug, on gold medal, formerly won by allied undergraduates at Oxford and Cambridge.

SUSPICION AT SEA

Suspicion—at an international level—is causing trouble at sea.

Looking from the Window across Iceland's North East coast this week, correspondent Moray Williams reports that groups of Russian fishing boats have been constantly infringing the three-mile limit and cruising close inshore.

As a result, many Icelanders, remembering the strategic value of their rugged fjord-strewn coasts as ideal submarine bases, suspect the Russian boats are engaged in something more sinister than fishing. These suspicions have been heightened in the past few weeks following on-the-spot investigations by Iceland's Coastguard ships.

Speeding to intercept the Russian boats, they discovered they were not the simple fishing smacks they appeared from a distance. Instead they were powerful modern cutters which headed out to sea on being challenged leaving the coastguard vessels far behind.

In addition, the Russians appear to have discovered the key to the coastguard's secret radio code. Now, whenever the coastguard ships leave port the Russians have already sailed back outside the three-mile limit. All of which makes the suspicious Icelanders even more suspicious than ever.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Rita Hayworth.
2. Jakarta.
3. Colombo.
4. South Africa.
5. The Flying Arrow.
6. The Fisheries School at Aberdeen.

Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER... COMPETITION



Welcome to the Year 1950!

I am sure you will agree with me that we ought to try to be better each year and improve ourselves.

Little things that do not seem to matter will add up to big and important things throughout the coming year: for instance, honesty in thought, speech, and acts. Little deeds of kindness, daily self-denials, triumphs over self, and demonstrations of patience, are all very important.

Words and looks of encouragement and sympathy may mean a lot to friends, and we must always try to acknowledge the goodness in others.

Secret victories over personal temptations are necessary; also the conquests in forgiving and forgetting the wrongs and short-comings of others.

Overcoming fear - the thing that worries and annoys us - is hard, but we must try, and if we have steadfast faith, hope and love in us, I'm sure we'll all be able to become better persons in 1950.

A very, very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy days to you all, from,

Auntie Vee

Swift and slow

Five little mice spread through the air,
Thrilled with their bird-plane bright,
(They'll all have time to fly round the world
And be home before tonight.)

One little mouse in left behind,
Caught in a big fir tree,
He'll have to walk, and mightn't get home,
Till 1953.

Honour certificate to Lindy Parks of 23, Cameron Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.

Christmas tree competition winners

First prize: Desmond Marshall of 5 Garden Terrace, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

Consolation prizes: Elaine Li of 9A Seymour Road, Hong Kong, Wong Yee Yuet, Wong Yee Yat, Wong Yee Yan of 211 Fa Yuen Street, ground floor, Kowloon, Danny Cheung of 8-T Lee Terrace, Hong Kong, Elsie & Jessie Childs of 45 Chungking Arcade, Kowloon, Alice Woo of Sai Yee Street, Kowloon, Lily and John Shen c/o B.E.A. Bldg., Hong Kong, Colleen Brown of 53, Wong, Neichung Road, 4th floor, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, Mary Lee of 512 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Coralie, Gilbert of 214 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Thomas Bushel of 134 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, Michael Green of 4 Wang Fung Terrace, Hong Kong, Victor Ross of 173 Sai Yee Street, Kowloon, Ng Ying and Ng Ting c/o Mr. Y. F. Yung of Wyndham Street, Hong Kong, Lily Young of 10 Kennedy Terrace,

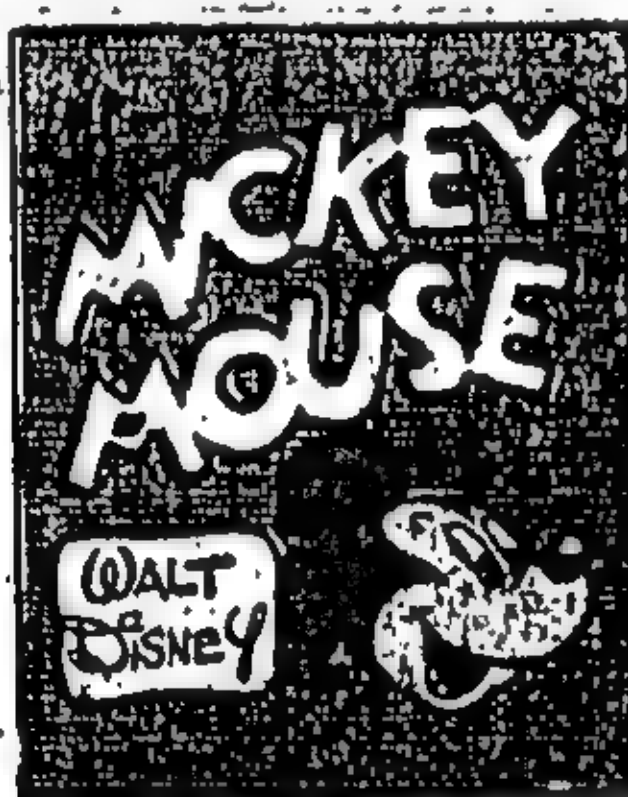
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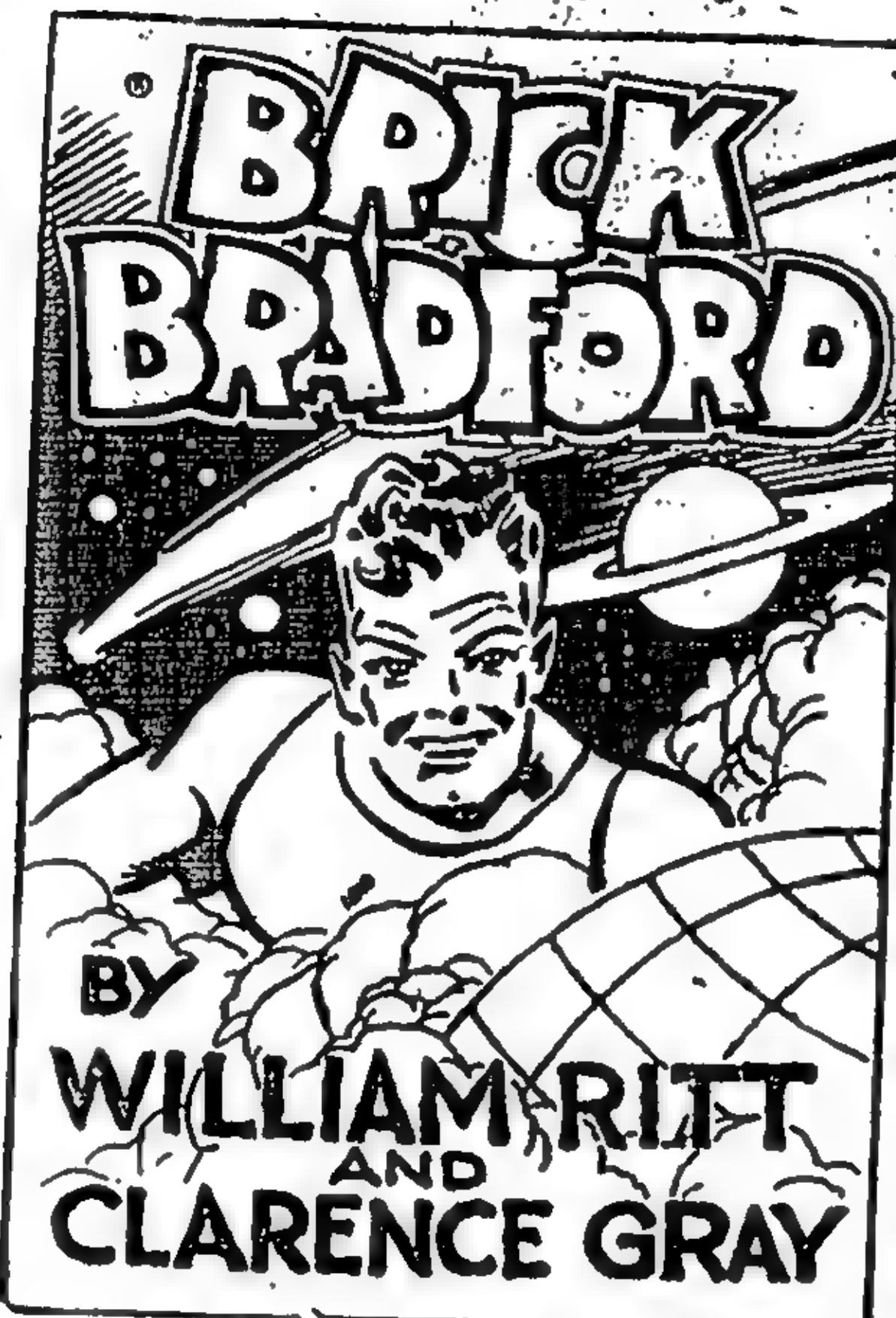
Turn his any way you wish and by adding more lines make these numbers - 1950 - into a scene, a portrait, a figure or anything your imagination suggests. Do have a try and see what happens. You may be surprised at the results.

When it is completed, fill in the form below and send it to Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

There will be three prizes of \$10, \$7 and \$5 for three best entries. There will be also three Honour certificates for five points and six certificates for three points awarded as consolation prizes.

NAME
ADDRESS
AGE







A mysterious bullet

The streets were quiet and calm and darkness was thrown on everything. It was 11 o'clock at night. There was a dim light on the table in the house far below the streets.

A man (Mr. Frankie) was reading a magazine on a couch. Suddenly there was a crack of a pistol from the house and then crying and weeping followed.

"Mr. Frankie is shot!" cried the servant Goffy. "What, my husband is shot!" cried Mrs. Frankie and off she fell onto the floor.

"Oh! my dear, my dear brother is killed, who did it?" cried Mr. Gene (Frankie's brother). They then called the police and soon a detective with six of his assistants came to the spot.

"What, Mr. Frankie is shot?" asked Mr. Cooper (The Detective). "Yes, when I was bathing, there was suddenly a crack of a pistol and soon I heard Goffy shouting that my husband was shot," said Mrs. Frankie.

"How many persons are there in this house, and who saw this happening, first?" asked Mr. Cooper.

"There are three persons, I and Goffy and Mr. Gene," answered Mrs. Frankie, and "I saw what happened first, while I was leaving his room, Sir," answered Goffy. "Well, there are only three persons in this house, and all of you are suspects," said Mr. Cooper. "Now, I will examine the corpse and you should go out and inspect all the things," Mr. Cooper told his assistants.

"There are foot steps outside this window and the window is broken. The bullet must have come from the outside. The dead man was shot through the head," said Mr. Cooper.

"Nothing is found, Sir," said one of the assistants. "Oh! now I have found a half-burnt letter near the fire stove. It is addressed to Mr. Frankie, but the writer's name was burnt. This letter says that Mr. Frankie has a lot of money and the writer asked for all of it."

"If Mr. Frankie doesn't pay then something may happen," said the second assistant with joy.

"Ah, no, I think I am the best. I have found a pistol with five bullets in the hole of this gutter. But there is some reddish liquid on the handle of the pistol," said the third assistant with happiness.

"Hurry, the guilty one is found!" shouted Mr. Cooper. "But no sooner had this been uttered, than a dark shadow of a man jumped over the window and wanted to escape. But Mr. Cooper's pistol was a little faster. He pulled the trigger of his pistol and down fell the fugitive. The bullet went through his thigh. "Who is he, let me see," asked Cooper. "It is Mr. Gene for there is iodine on the abscess in his palm."

He is no doubt the guilty one for he is always very greedy," said Mr. Cooper. Then Mr. Gene was arrested and was put in jail for murdering and scheming to get money.

Honour certificate to David Ho of 39, Cheong Sha Wan Road, 2nd Floor, Shamshui, Kowloon.

Joy of night

In a clear bright night, When the stars are bright, Then sing the nightingales, And dance the jellodolls, What joy is passing by, When night says Good-bye!

Honour certificate to Connie K. Wong of 20, Shek Kwong Road, 2nd Floor, Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

WONDER QUESTIONS

What was the Bronze Age?
That period in the history of a race who had discovered how to melt copper ore and make bronze weapons and tools, but had not discovered the use of iron. There was no one Bronze Age throughout the world at one time. Different races and countries passed through the age at different times. Egypt had a Bronze Age 2,500 years before Europe.

Who was the real Robinson Crusoe?
Alexander Selkirk, a sailor who lived from 1676 to 1721. He was shipwrecked and lived on the island of Juan Fernandez, near South America. When he was rescued, his story brought him world-wide fame, and inspired Daniel Defoe to write the book, "Robinson Crusoe."

What is Coral?
The outside skeleton of a tiny marine animal called the coral polyp, which secretes a hard, limy substance like a cup around itself into which the polyp can withdraw. As the polyp secretes this substance, the cup of coral grows and the polyp leaves the lower, older parts and moves upwards. Where many corals live, they form compound corals, which gradually become higher and higher, until they form coral reefs like the Great Barrier Reef.

What is the Koran?
The sacred book of the Mohammedans, who worship Allah and believe that Mohammed, an Arab, who lived in the 7th century, was his prophet. Mohammed believed that the angel Gabriel told him about Allah, and these revelations form the Koran.

Children's own garden

One of the loveliest of London's sights in the spring will be a children's garden in Clerkenwell, a district with a long history.

This garden, surrounded by blocks of flats and high walls, has a laburnum tree in the centre planted by Queen Elizabeth. It is rented at a cost of a shilling a year from the centuries-old school of Charterhouse (now itself moved far into the country) and the garden is divided into 13 little plots.

These are tended by some of the children who live in the houses and flats nearby and who derive the liveliest satisfaction at seeing the seeds they have planted gradually produce green shoots and then flowers.

Those who are too small to have complete charge of one plot help 82-year-old Mr. Smith, the gardener in charge, to look after the rest of the ground. A few weeks ago the 13 little gardeners each planted 12 tulip bulbs in his or her plot. Mr. Smith solemnly showing them how the bulb should be put in the soil.

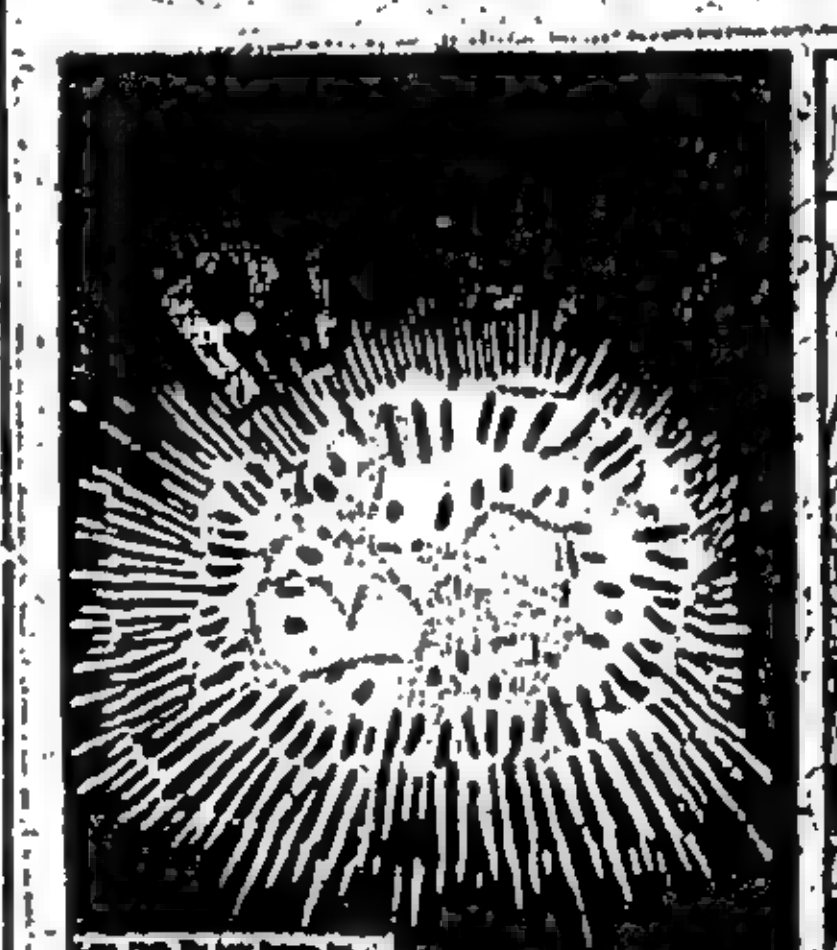
In the spring, when the tulips are fully grown, the bowers will be judged and the winner of the competition will be presented with six scarlet geraniums. The self-restraint of the gardeners is notable, for the urge to dig up just one bulb to see what is happening to it is obvious to anyone who talks to them.

WHO AM I?

N is for January.
E is for February.
W is for we.
Y is for Ye.
E is for He.
A is for Auntie Vee.
R is for Hurray!

My whole is today.
Honour certificate to Elsie Childs of 45, Chungking Arcade, Kowloon.

THE LONE RANGER



SUNDAY HERALD *Pictorial*

TO ALL OUR READERS

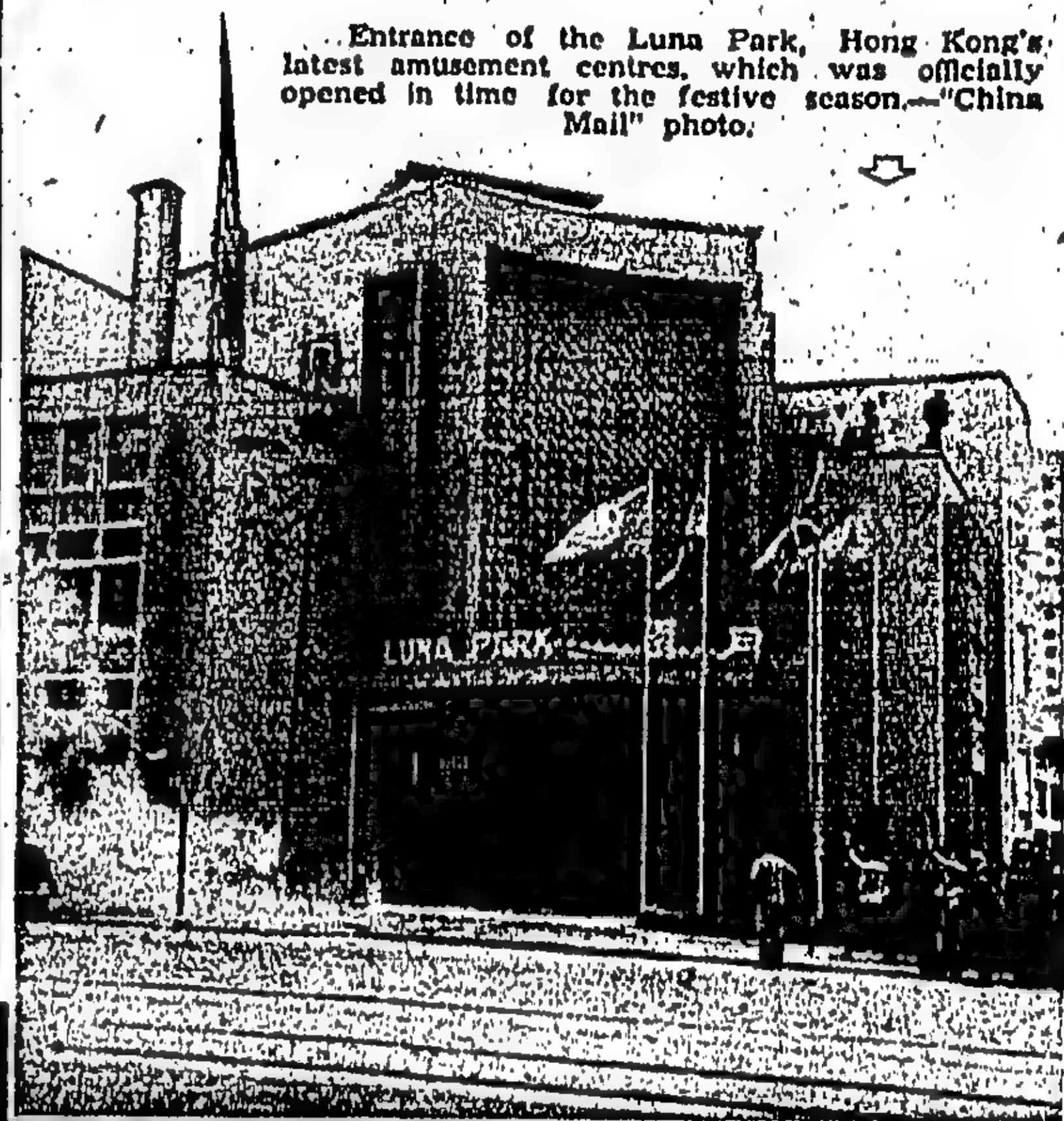
A Very Happy New Year



TURNING A NEW LEAF AS THE OLD YEAR IS BEING RUNG OUT TO
MAKE WAY FOR 1950.



Some of the guests at Carmichael and Clarke's recent cocktail party.—"China Mail" photo.



Entrance of the Luna Park, Hong Kong's latest amusement centres, which was officially opened in time for the festive season.—"China Mail" photo.



The Taikoo Docks' European and Chinese staff who played an exhibition football game recently.—"Ming Yuen" photo.



The soccer team of HMS Concord, which beat HMS Jamaica's XI by two goals to one in the soccer knock-out competition.—"China Mail" photo.

The HMS Jamaica soccer team, which was nosed out by the odd goal in three by HMS Concord in the knock-out competition for the Navy.—"China Mail" photo.

Mr. Hui Sai-ying (centre) who formally opened Luna Park. Second from left is Mr. Al Richardson, General Manager of the Colony's latest amusement park, while next to him is Mr. Charles Gray.—"China Mail" photo.

Some of the guests who attended the 30th anniversary dinner of the American Asiatic Underwriters at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.—"Golden Studio" photo.



MAGAZINE SECTION



It's party-game time for these youngsters, who celebrated Christmas at the HK Football Club.—"China Mail" photo.



Everybody is having a wonderful time at this party, given for children of members of the Hong Kong Football Club at Christmas.—"China Mail" photo.



Mr. Lai Im-long, Manager of the AAU Hong Kong Office, greets one of the guests who attended the 30th anniversary dinner of the company at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.—"Golden Studio" photo.

Children who live in the Gloucester Hotel take time out to pose for the camera at their Christmas party.—"Ming Yuen" photo.



Group picture taken at the Talkoo Club Christmas Eve party.—"Ming Yuen" photo.



The feast for Old and Young is Christmas, and these two teen-agers are feasting their eyes on an array of gifts displayed in a shop window.—"China Mail" photo.

Inmates of the Queen Mary Children's Ward who were paid a surprise visit by Santa Claus on Christmas Day.





Children attending the Kowloon Dock Club Christmas party were delighted when Santa Claus turned up to distribute presents.—"Ming Yuen" photo.



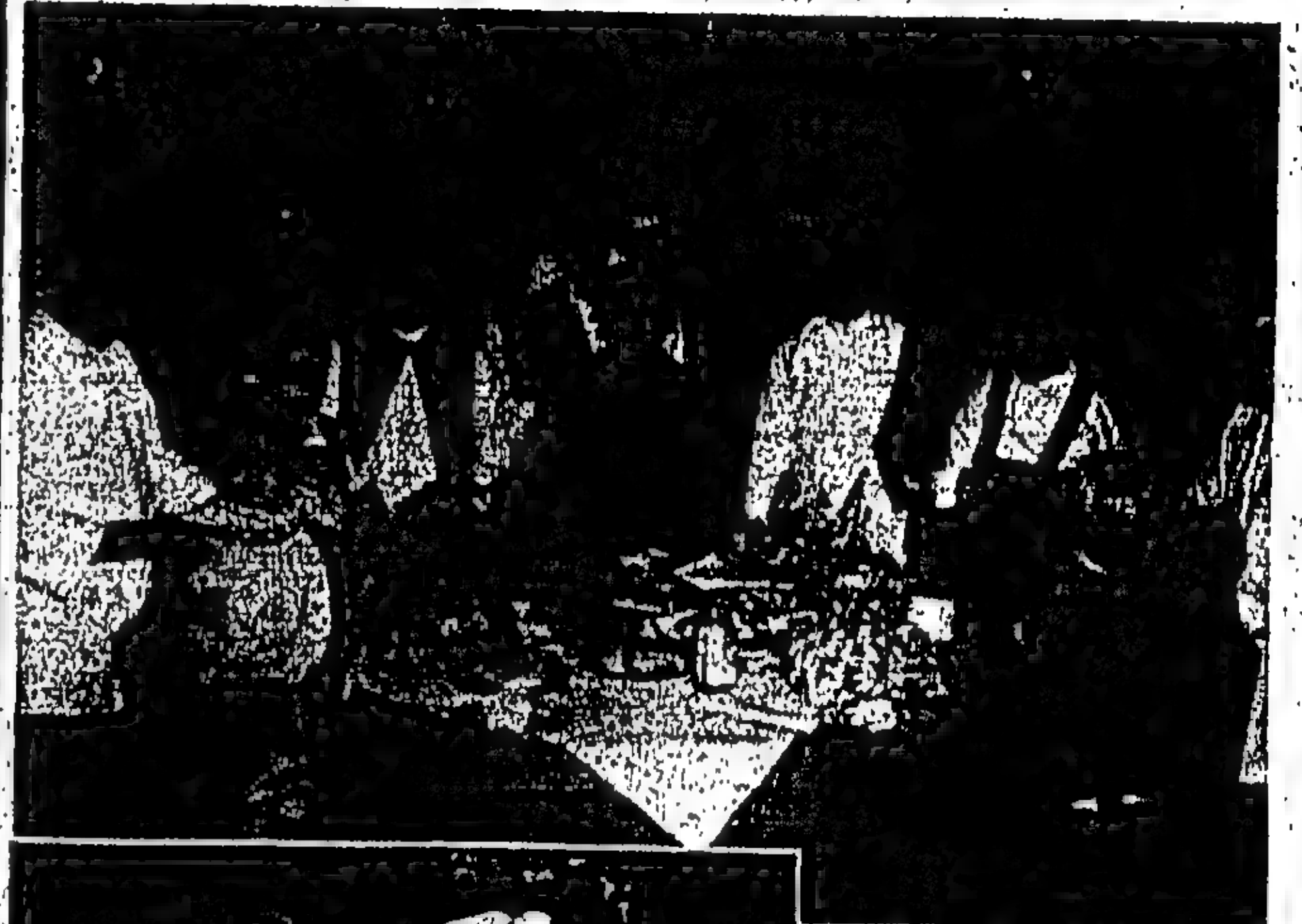
Picture taken at the Tai Koo Club Christmas party.—"Ming Yuen" photo.



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Little Patricia (centre), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dunn, presides at a Christmas party held for her friends.—"Ming Yuen" photo.

Wedding picture of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wu, who were married recently at St. John's Cathedral.—"China Mail" photo.

Mr. Guy Hillier and Miss Grace Penn (centre) who were married at the Registrar's Office.—"Francis Wu" photo.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Birckbank, who were married recently. The bride is the former Miss Patricia Galloway. The wedding was the first to be performed at the new Union Church.—"Ming Yuen" photo.

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THE PHANTOM



We were spending a few days in Jasper National Park, which is in the heart of the Alberta Rockies. My son, Michael, who is 12, and I were out for a short walk one day when he suddenly said: "Suppose we meet a bear round that corner, Dad, what do we do?"

"Oh," I replied, "just take no notice; pretend he isn't there and perhaps he won't notice us."

For a moment I had forgotten that the bears are allowed to roam free the great Park, and during the summer months they are quite tame.

are quite tame. Michael and I went on down the road and across a stream. As we approached the outskirts of the town we passed the garbage dump and, sure enough there was Bruin, in fact several Bruins, having a wonderful time among the old tin cans and refuse that lay around.

We stopped to watch them. Every corner was carefully searched for some dainty morsel. One young fellow seemed to be having trouble with a large jam tin which clung lovingly to his nose.

Eventually, by lying on his back and getting his feet into action, he got himself free. We laughed heartily at his antics and moved on.

Later, we found out from the owners of the neighbouring cabin that the bears are an awful nuisance.

It appears that bears are Nature's worst thieves and, at night, they have been known to break into a house and clear the larder out without waking a soul in the place.

Two 13-year-old Danes will soon be chosen for a job which will make them the envy of boys throughout the world. They are to serve as cabin boys in the freighter *Galathea*, which will start on a two-year deep sea fishing trip next summer.

This trip will not only take them to many exciting countries but will offer them more thrill than most people experience in lifetime.

The expedition is going to look for little-known sea monsters living in the deepest oceans of the world. A line 10-miles long will be used to fish depths up to 6½ miles. What strange fish will come up is anybody's guess, but scientists know that eel-like fish 16 feet long exist off the North coast of Australia, and it is possible that there are others up to 4 feet long.

A well-known Danish big game hunter is sailing with the expedition to shoot sea-leopards and other Antarctic animals for the Copenhagen museum.

Who am I?

My first is in sun but not

My second is in all and also

My third is in new but not

My third is in new but not
few. My fourth is in tin but not

My fourth is in tin but not
pin,
My fifth is in again and also

My fifth is in again and also
vain.

My sixth is in country and a
in century.

My seventh is in low but not

My eighth in in age and in stage.

My ninth is in under and a
thunder

My tenth is in sound but not

noun.
My whole is a person which

would like to meet, for he can only once a year, and fills ev

child's heart with cheer.

Answer: Santa Clara

SECRET

Honour certificate to S.
Rama of 02, Jardine Bazaar,

Room of 02, Jurangs. Building
floor, Hong Kong.

Do you know?

1. What was the name of Hendrik Hudson's ship?
2. Who killed Cock Robin?
3. What is blubber?
4. What is a Caucasian?
5. What animal brays?
6. Who went up the hill with 20,000 men?
7. What did he do when he got to the top?
8. How do you say "hundred years" in one word?
9. Whose touch turned everything to gold?
10. What boy in a story never wanted to grow up?
11. What country is sometime called Erin?
12. What is another name for quicksilver?

Answers

1. The Half Moon.
2. The Sparrow.
3. A member of the whale race.
4. The donkey.
5. The King of France.
6. Blurred down again.
7. B. King Midas.
8. Century.
9. Peter Pan.
10. Ireland.
11. Mercury.
12. The Half Moon.

Teena's golden frock

Once there was a fairy named Teena. She was the poorest fairy in Fairyland. She only has one dress and it was only made from cobwebs. But she did not mind very much having one frock.

One day as she was walking near a tree she saw a notice pinned up on the tree. It said that the Fairy Queen was opening a dancing party and all fairies were invited. At first Teena said she was going but looking at her own frock she shook her little head. Now while she was standing there she heard a voice asking Teena if she would be so kind to help them and get them some water. Teena turned round and she saw a lot of golden buttercups. Looking at the poor dears made Teena run to get them water for it didn't rain for many a day.

Teena went back and forth until all the flowers had had a nice drink of water. The flowers then asked Teena if she was going to the dancing party. Teena said "No," because she did not have a pretty dress to wear to the party.

Now the flowers had an idea and each of them dropped a petal for Teena's dress. Teena hurried home and sewed them together, and when she finished she had a beautiful golden frock. That night Teena went to the party and she enjoyed herself very much.

Honour certificate to Angeline Yung of 123, Electric Road, 2nd floor, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

A memory of childhood

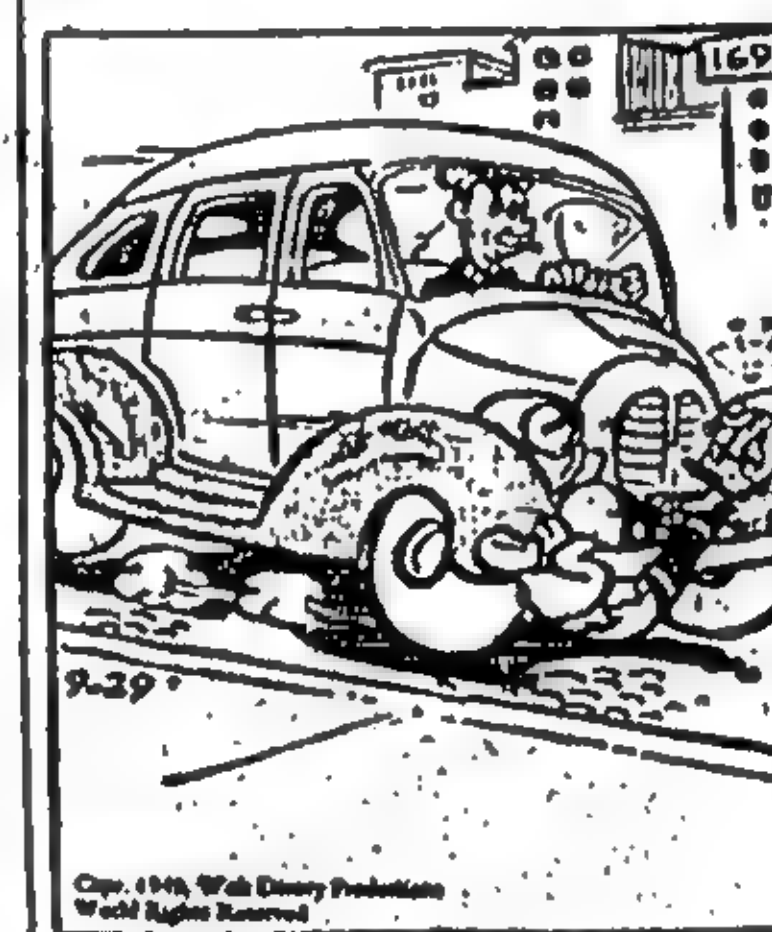
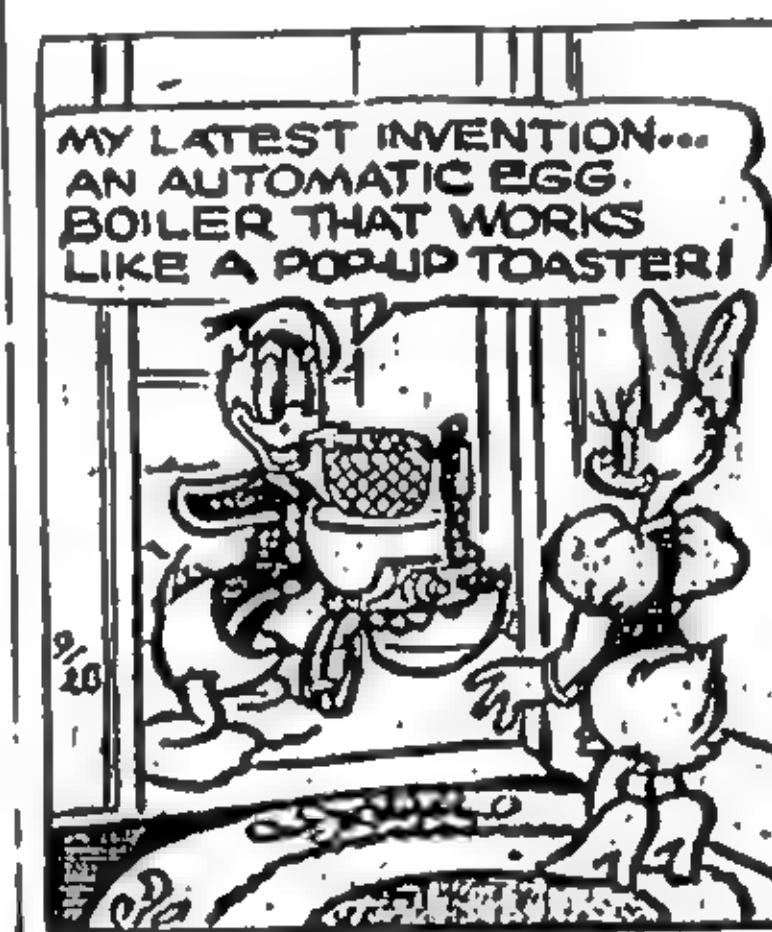
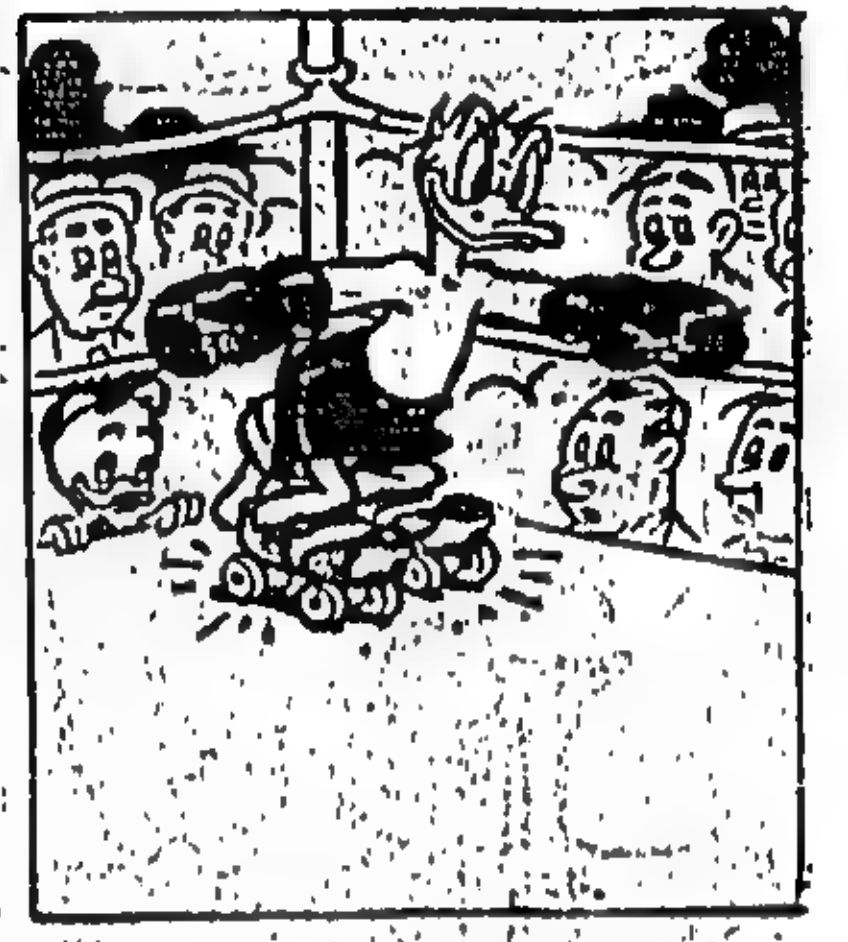
It was seven years ago when I lived in a little town called Sandakan, the capital of British North Borneo.

Besides father and mother, I had four brothers and five sisters with whom I often played. Our house was then in the Eastern part of that town. At the side of the house there was a stream, and the house was one of the best and comfortable houses in that town.

My father was a famous merchant. He was very kind to us, so we lived a happy life. But in February morning of 1942, the Japanese occupied that little town. My father, leading a group of volunteers, resisted them. But unfortunately he was killed. At the same time, one of my brothers was so ill that he died soon after my father's death.

Honour certificate to Kuan Ching To of 20, Hing Hen Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong.

DONALD DUCK



RUSTY RILEY

By Frank Godwin

In the mailbag

THE CHILDES. You certainly have helped the "Children's Herald" a lot this year. Thanks to all of you, and I do hope you'll continue with your good work.

ANTHONY BARRADAS Your name will appear in the HCC Members' column soon.

JEANNIE MAY I'm glad to hear you say that you're going to try your best to help the "Children's Herald."

JENNIFER BILLINGHURST I'm sure your Mummy was very glad when she heard you bought her a present out of the \$10 you earned through hard work in the "Children's Herald."

GWENDOLINA CHEUNG Both Pitman's & Gregg Shorthand are easy to learn. It all depends on yourself which system you wish to take.

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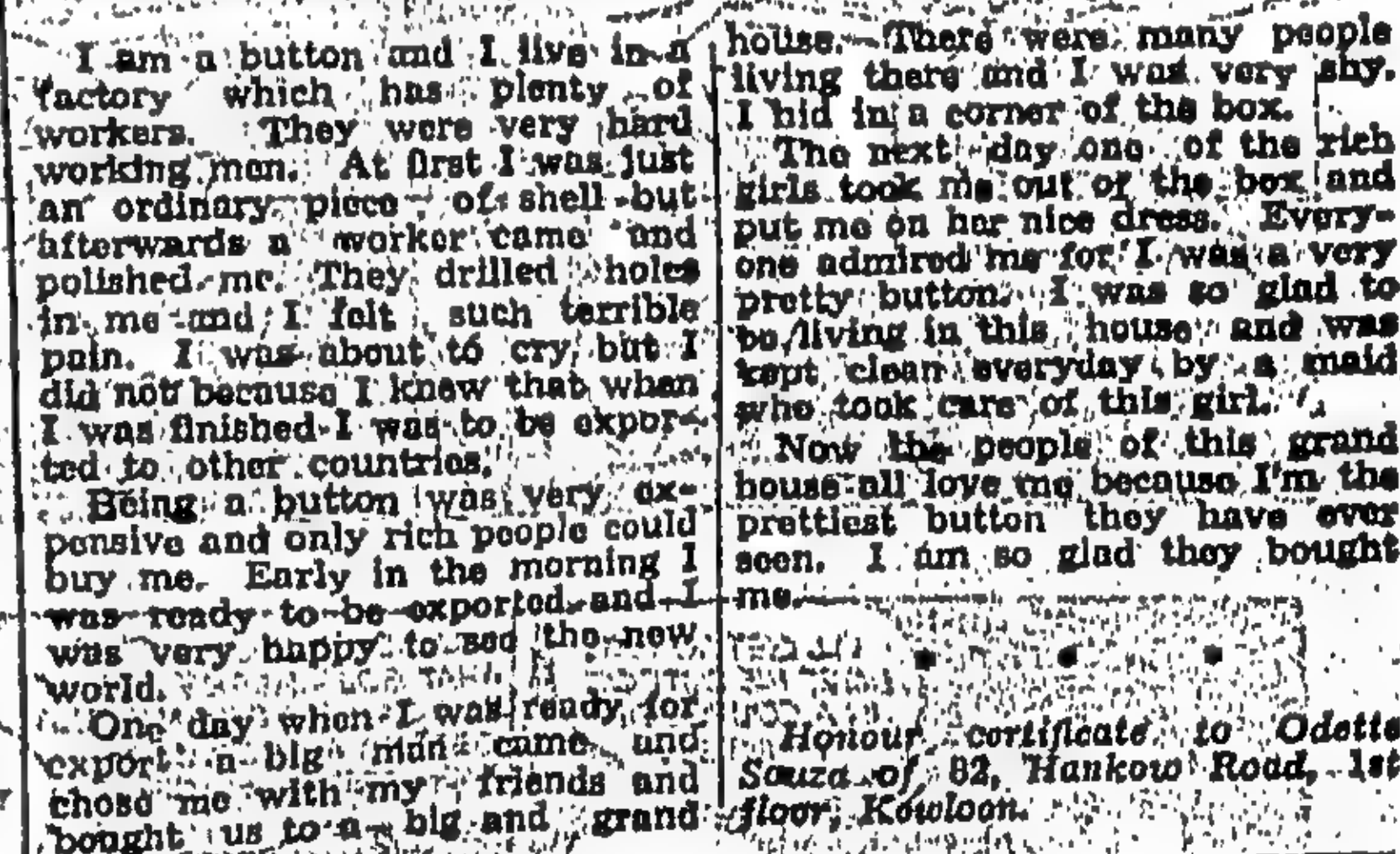
MOTHER you set Mr. table for dinner.
LOIS: But what he eats!





AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A BUTTON

and, in turn, toss a coin to play. If the toss is "heads", move the button two spaces ahead; if "tails", one space. Take out the number of fish indicated by number on square. If player lands on a black space he puts five fish back in pond. When pond is empty, player having the most fish wins.



MERRY MOMENTS

A lady was driving a car along the road when she saw two telephone men quickly climbing up a telegraph pole. "Anyone would think I couldn't drive!" she exclaimed indignantly.

Customer: Do you serve rabbits here?

Waiter: Yes, sir. We serve anybody. Sit down, please!

Jim: I've called about the bicycle.

Shopkeeper: Why, hasn't it arrived yet?

Jim: Oh, yes. It's arrived, but when do I get the free wheel you told me about?

Teacher: How many more times must I tell you to stop putting sweets into your mouth, Billy?

Billy: Only once more, teacher. There's only one left.

New Year's day conversation

On New Year's Day two friends were celebrating.

The following conversation took place:

A: "This year I will be getting 20."

B: "I won't be 30 until next year."

A: "I thought you were 20 already."

B: "I am 29."

A: "Impossible! In this case you must have become 30 this year."

B: "No, it is as I said."

Can you explain the apparent contradiction?

New Year's Day. Editor.

Dear Sir,

I am writing you this day at Paris on January 1st 1904. Hoping you

Listening-Post

English-language programmes and news from the BBC in London can be heard in Hong Kong on the following stations—

(All times are Hong Kong Standard Time)

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Relays of news broadcasts from the BBC in London, as well as other English-language programmes, can be heard by listeners over the following stations—

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PROGRAMME NEWS

New Year message

New Year's Day is more celebrated in Scotland than in England, and so in the General Overseas Service a message for the New Year will be broadcast by a Scotsman, one of the leading Scottish thinkers of our day—the Rt. Rev. George S. Duncan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

General Overseas: Sunday, 11.45 p.m.

Fifty year's questions

With the New Year we can look back on the first 50 years of this century. What do you know about them? More than that, what can you remember of the most important events that have happened in those first five decades of the twentieth century?

These questions inspired Dennis Yates to devise a programme called 'Half Century Quiz', which will be heard in the General Overseas Service. It will be a 30-minute show which will combine the advantages of a 'scrap-book' programme and a quiz. A panel of distinguished experts will be in the studio and they will hear fragments of history, sometimes recorded, sometimes dramatised.

Their task will be to search their memories to identify and also to enlarge upon these events.

General Overseas: Tuesday 4.00 p.m.; Thursday, 10.15 p.m.

Sunday, January 1

General Overseas Service

P.M.	12.30	IN TOWN TONIGHT.
	1.00	'MELODY ON STRINGS' Light Music String Ensemble Directed by Max Jaffa.
	2.15	'TIME FOR WORSHIP' from a Glasgow studio, conducted by the Rev. J. Stanley Pritchard.
	2.30	LONDON LIGHT CONCERT ORCHESTRA Conducted by Michael Krein.
	7.15	NIGHTS AT THE OPERA Presented by Barbara McFadyen.
	8.15	ANTHOLOGY — 1 Poems for Everyone Edited by Raymond Ralke.
	8.30	'WE BEG TO DIFFER' A lively discussion on subjects on which the sexes disagree.
	9.15	Peter Yorke and his Concert Orchestra in 'SWEET SERENADE' with Marin Perilli, Denny Denny, and Doreen Lundy.
	10.00	Big Ben RADIO NEWSREEL.

B.B.C. Highlights

10.15 'CONCERTO' A series of weekly programmes Mozart's Concerto for flute and orchestra No. 1 in G (K.313), played by John Francis and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conductor, Charles Groves.

11.45 A MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR by the Rt. Rev. George S. Duncan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Monday, January 2

General Overseas Service

A.M. 10.00 Big Ben. LONDON FORUM 1949. 1950 Special edition.

10.30 'RAY'S A LAUGH.'

P.M. 12.30 'VARIETY SANDBOX' with REG DIXON, Lizabeth Webb, Terry Thomas, Harry Rabinowitz, Tony Hancock, Mona Baptiste, Arthur English, and Arnie Kiltson.

3.30 CAVAN O'CONNOR The Strolling Vagabond of song with the BBC Revue Orchestra and the Male Voice Quartet, conducted by Frank Cantell.

4.00 'CONCERTO' A series of weekly programmes Dvorak's Violoncello in B minor played by Vera Cannan and the BBC Scottish Orchestra, conductor, Ian Whyte. Programme also includes: Dvorak's Legend No. 3 in G minor and Overture: Amid Nature.

5.00 Wilfred Pickles with Belle Chrysalis, Marjorie Westbury, and Charles Stidwell in 'THE CARD' by Arnold Bennett. Adapted as a serial in eight episodes by Olivia Manning. Produced by William Hughes 1: 'Introducing Denry.'

7.45 'PLACES OF INTEREST' A series of talks by Geoffrey Boumphrey. 3: The Roman Villa, Chedworth.

10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.45 COMMONWEALTH SURVEY.

Tuesday, January 3

General Overseas Service

A.M. 10.00 Big Ben. Kim Packer and Marjorie Westbury in 'PAUL TEMPLE AND THE MADISON MYSTERY' A serial in eight episodes by Francis Durbridge. 4: 'Hubert Greene Entertains.'

P.M. 3.30 'THE STORYTELLER' 'The Sphinx Without a Secret' by Oscar Wilde. Read by Ronald Simpson.

4.00 'HALF CENTURY QUIZ' Devised by Dennis Yates.

7.15 NORTHERN IRELAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

7.45 'GENERALLY SPEAKING.'

10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 'THE CROOKED SHADOW' by Anthony Gittins.

11.45 REPORT FROM BRITAIN A talk by Vernon Bartlett.

Wednesday, January 4

General Overseas Service

A.M. 11.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult BBC Women's Chorus (Chorus-Master: Leslie Woodgate).

First Essay for Orchestra. Samuel Barber. Three Nocturnes. Debussy. Overture: Ivan the Terrible. Rimsky-Korsakov.

P.M. 3.30 RADIO THEATRE Ivor Novello and Mary Ellis in 'THE DANCING YEARS' A Musical Play written, devised, and composed by Ivor Novello. Lyrics by

Christopher Hassall. Adapted for broadcasting by Lyn Fairhurst. Produced by Douglas Moodie.

5.00 Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards in 'TAKE IT FROM HERE' with Wallas Eaton, Alan Dean, The Keynotes, The Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantell.

6.15 'CITIZEN OF THE COMMON-WEALTH' 1: New Zealand.

7.45 'THREE JOURNEYS' by Peter Fleming 2: Excursion to Norway.

9.30 THE WOMEN'S PROGRAMME.

10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 'RING UP THE CURTAIN' Arthur Benjamin's 'Prima Donna' with Margaret Ritchie (soprano), Maria Perilli (soprano), Bruna Maclean (mezzo-soprano), Max Worthley (tenor), Douglas Craig (baritone), and George James (bass) BBC Opera Orchestra Conductor: Stanford Robinson Narrator: Dennis Arundell.

11.45 'BANDSTAND' The Band of the Scots Guards Conductor: Major S. Rhodes.

11.45 'STERLING VALUE' A survey of the Sterling Area.

Thursday, January 5

General Overseas Service

P.M. 12.30 RALPH WILSON AND HIS DANCE ORCHESTRA.

1.00 Wilfred Pickles in 'HAVE A GO!' visits Bieannu Ffestiniog, a Slate mining town in the county of Merionethshire, North Wales.

4.00 PORTRAIT OF ISTANBUL by D. G. Bridson. Narrator: Peter Finch. Music by Antony Hopkins.

5.30 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA Conductor: Ian Whyte. Overture: Preciosa. Weber. Symphony No. 3 in A minor (The Scots). Mendelssohn.

6.15 SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE Robert Shone talks on making Iron and Steel.

6.30 PORTLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA Directed by Fred Alexander.

8.30 LISTENERS' DIGEST Programme compiled by Sir Stephen Tallents.

9.30 THE WOMEN'S PROGRAMME.

10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 'HALF-CENTURY QUIZ.'

11.15 RAY MARTIN and his 'Melody from the Sky' Orchestra.

11.45 SPECIAL DISPATCH.

Friday, January 6

General Overseas Service

A.M. 9.00 THE NEWS.

9.30 RAY MARTIN and his 'Melody from the Sky' Orchestra.

10.00 Big Ben. 'MEET THE COMMON-WEALTH.'

11.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA Conductor: Charles Groves. Symphony No. 4 in E minor Brahms.

P.M. 4.00 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME' CHOPIN. Eugenia Zarecka (soprano), Marian Zigmunt (bass), Frederick Stone (accompanist), Campoli (violin), James Whitehead (violin), and Franz Reizenstein (piano).

Soprano: Greeting, 'Lithuanian Song: the Ring. The handsome lad, Madrigal. Trio in G minor, Op. 8.

Bas: 'Go leave my sight. The Messenger. Melody. The Warrior. Drinking Song (Rulanka).

5.00 'THE SKIPPER'S LAST TRIP' Script and production by John Gough.

6.15 BERT PALMER AND THE CRITIC 'Good? You mean highbrow.'

7.30 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME' 'Two Women: Writers of India' by Lord Beveridge.

9.30 THE WOMEN'S PROGRAMME.

10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA Conductor: Ian Whyte. Overture: Il Seraglio. Mozart. Concerto for Strings No. 18 in B flat. Handel.

11.45 'WORLD AFFAIRS' A survey by A. F. Ryan.

Dvorak

Saturday, January 7

General Overseas Service

P.M. 12.30 THE KURSAAL ORCHESTRA Directed by Louis Voss.

1.00 'TWENTY QUESTIONS' Anona Winn, Daphne Padel, Jack Train, and Richard Dimbleby, who ask all the questions and Kenneth Horne who knows (almost) all the answers.

Keep this page for use during the week.

3.30 'BANDSTAND.'

4.00 'BRITISH CONCERT HALL' THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Conducted and presented by Basil Cameron. Overture: The Flying Dutchman. Wagner.

The Walk to the Paradise Garden (from 'A Village Romeo and Juliet')... Darius Variations on an original theme ('Enigma')... Elgar

5.00 'PAUL TEMPLE AND THE MADISON MYSTERY.'

5.30 'RAY'S A LAUGH.'

6.00 'TIP-TOP TUNES.'

6.30 'KEYBOARD MUSIC' 'Before the piano'—an illustrated talk by John Russell.

7.30 'GENERALLY SPEAKING.'

7.50 INTERLUDE.

9.15 BBC OPERA ORCHESTRA Conductor: Stanford Robinson.

10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 'MELODY TIME' Geraldine and his Concert Orchestra.

11.00 ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL Third Round of the F.A. Cup: a commentary.

11.45 'BANDSTAND.'

Drinking laws

For those to whom the familiar words "Time, Gentlemen, please" may bring a yearning for the 24-hour freedom of other countries' licensing laws, Ralph Hewins reports that British drinking laws are, in fact, less strict than many. In Norway, statistics just published show that out of a total population of some 3,000,000 Norwegians, over half a million are teetotallers. Nor is a teetotaller in Norway content to rest on his own abstemious laurels. In an effort to persuade others to his way of thought, he joins one of his country's many societies "For the furtherance of the Teetotal Cause."

In this way, 41 of Norway's 150 Members of Parliament belong to a Parliamentary Temperance Group. Besides this, a National Association of Non-Alcoholic Restaurants and Hotels has been formed with members in all parts of the country.

The result of it all explains our correspondent is that in Norway today you cannot buy a drink from 3 o'clock on Saturday until Monday afternoon. Nor are there any Off License shops. To buy a bottle of wine or spirits one has to queue in a State Alcohol Monopoly shop. In Sweden, a Socialist State, has gone even one step further and drinkers are now rationed according to their incomes.

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This tiny, bewildered department (Scrooge) was fascinated to read Dainty Dr. Summerkill's recent edict that citizens of this septic isle — the best-fed septic isle in the world, unless our memory is at fault — are to be forbidden to receive gifts of food from Ireland, whether their mothers came from there or not.

That, Elinor, is the latest eerie moon-beam from the higher lunacy. Fairer fair shares for all, child, by the weird process of depriving a lucky few of an unexpected pleasure without conferring the slightest benefit on the many. Or, to coin a brilliant new Socialist proverb: Give a dog a State manger and nobody can have a bone.

Have you ever considered, Elinor, where this Bedlam slogan "Fair Shares For All" would get us if it were to be carried to its logical conclusion—which, believe us, it never will be, because it is just a vote-catching piece of nonsense and not to be taken too seriously? Permit us to mention just one or two of the unlikely consequences.

Every Cabinet Minister in receipt of a salary of £5,000 a year or more would at once have to vote himself out of an income so vastly in excess of that of the humblest of the nation's workers.

Mr. Bevin tormented by his conscience, would be forced to relinquish his present splendid residence in Carlton House Terrace—a shameful relic of wicked privilege—and put down his name for a small flatlet, as yet unbuild in the nearest Silkin dream-dormitory town.

Bureaucrats galore would have to deprive themselves of the exclusive use of the nation's more expensive limousines and aeroplanes and go to their work in crowded trams, buses and trains, just like the rest of us.

High-ranking officials of the Ministry of Food, anxious to fare no better than less expert citizens, would have to cease dining in smart hotels, because of the obvious unfairness of eating food that had been subsidised by the workers in surroundings that were more luxurious than a workers' canteen.

Even the dainty Doctor herself, who was recently photographed by the Press wearing a smart model toque (and looked a very fetching little Parliamentary pinup girl in it, we thought), would have to confine herself in future to horrid mass-produced utility bonnets, on the ground that her superior intellect, drive, push, skill, knowledge, enterprise, and thrust did not entitle her to wear a better hat than the most dim-witted, lazy, ignorant, improvident, demale tramp in the land.

Having got thus far with a difficult paragraph, Elinor, we find, to our embarrassment, that we can think of no way of ending it except by stopping.

This, child, is the Publicity Department of the "Nicer Shares For Better Work" Incentives League gladly stopping, Mr. Lane Norcott, (Founder and Sole Proprietor) happily signing off.

Over to You

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Who was "the man of Ross"?
2. What was a moss-trooper?
3. Whose crown was found in a gorse bush? On what occasion?
4. What vehicle "ran a hundred years to a day"?
5. Who were celebrated for rides to (a) Lexington, (b) Khiva?
6. From what is the expression "tuft-hunting" derived?

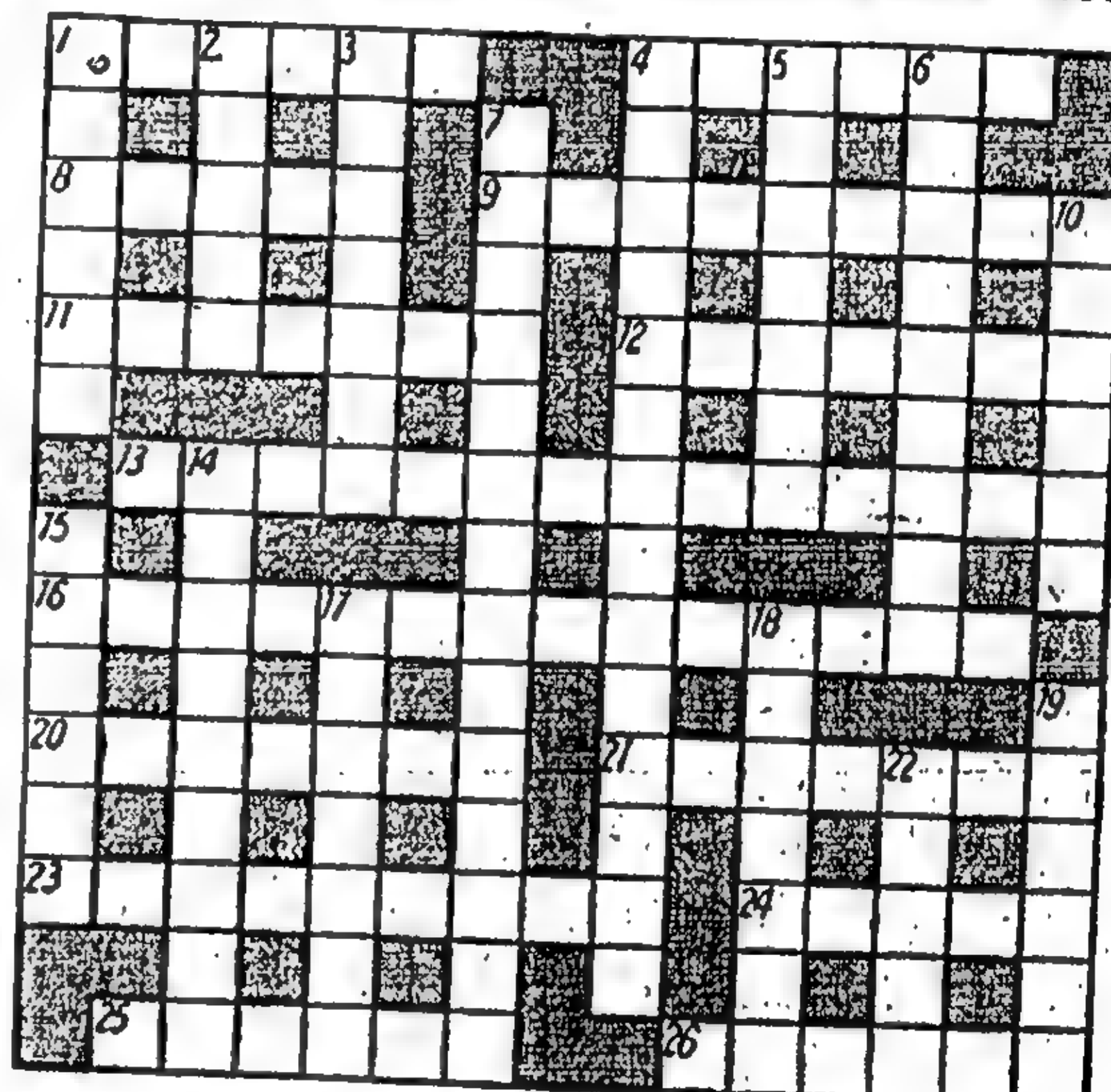
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NEWS QUIZ

1. What famous film star gave birth to a daughter last week?
2. What is Batavia, capital of the United States of Indonesia, now called?
3. Where are the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers about to hold an important conference?
4. What country did the Australian cricket team beat in a Test last week?
5. What American ship is to defy its own Government's warning by running the Shanghai blockade?
6. What school is the Hong Kong Government taking over?

(Answers on Page 2)

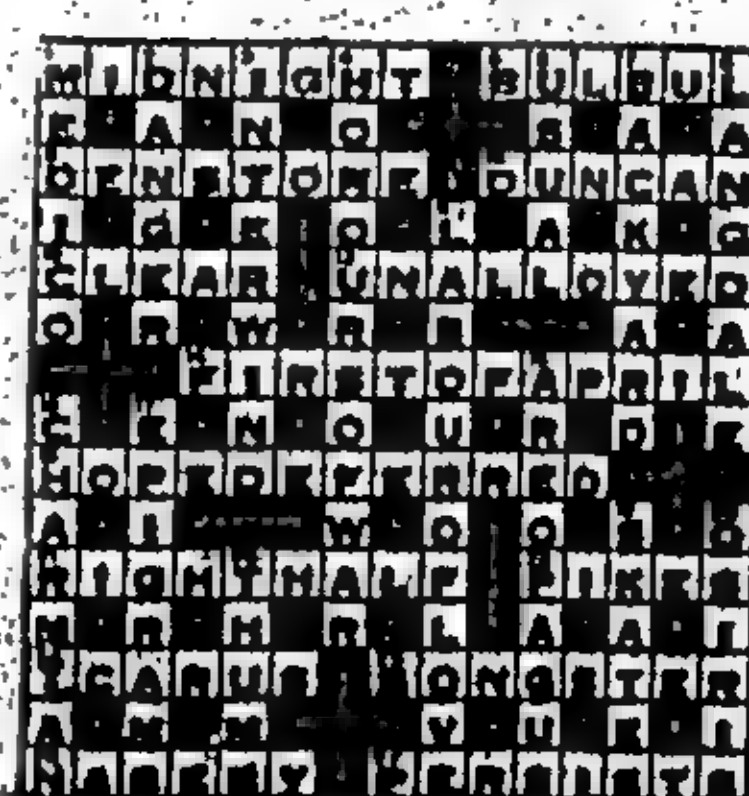
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Across

- 1 Working model of what happens in heaven. (6)
- 4 Kept up by the optimist. (6)
- 8 Is often caked on. (5)
- 9 How the cobbler was beaten at his job? (9)
- 11 Very woolly, no doubt, in a sheepish sort of way. (7)
- 12 Sounds a literal exclamation to little Michael and Ronald. (7)
13. 1 D Epigrammatic disapproval of relative estimation. (11, 3, 6)
- 16 Protests about taxes put on soil. (14)

SOLUTION TO No. 139



- 20 The little brute one has to put up with? (4-3)

- 21 Sounds like the movement of a frozen river. (3-4)
- 23 He whistles when he wants a job done. (9)
- 24 Tea plant in the river? (5)
- 25 What a skinny little editor did to get support. (6)
- 26 Give the Member a pear, just to spoil him. (6)

Down

- 1 See 13.
- 2 When training one only accidentally goes off them? (6)
- 3 Cluster up again, as it were. (7)
- 4 They supply basic rations. (6, 8)
- 5 Would give, yet not strike, a great blow in battle. (7)
- 6 One way to do this is At-Home. (9)
- 7 Where you may achieve things angularly. (6, 8)
- 10 This signal is usually light red. (6)
- 14 In this home children do not get parental care. (6)
- 15 Suitable name for a water spaniel at Eton? (3, 3)
- 17 How an ailing lad incites his dog to the chase. (5, 2)
- 18 There's nothing impulsive in such a state. (7)
- 19 An article to be followed. (6)
- 22 Invalid way to win a story-telling contest. (5, 2)

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BRIDGE

The redouble of a bid of one in a suit has always provided a problem in bidding. What action should the doubler's partner take after the redouble? Just to what extent is he forced to bid, or can he in some situations pass?

He is unlikely to go wrong if he bears in mind two guiding factors: (1) the doubler may have his own escape bid and may want to collect information at a low level before making it, and (2) there is no need to search for conventional action: the natural bid on a very weak hand with a long suit, such as 7, 6, 5, 4, 2, or, in the absence of such a suit, a pass is the proper call unless a sure guard is held in the redoubled suit when One No-trump may be bid. After a bid, a double and a redouble, the remaining hand can hardly be expected to have the equivalent of even one quick trick.

If, however, the doubler has reopened the bidding after two passes then he may have made a strategic double, in which case it is possible for the remaining bidder to have more than one trick, as on the hand below (South's) in a recent important match:

In the room North was one down in a contract of One No-trump. In the other room the bidding proceeded:

S Q J 10 6
H 10 8 5
D K 6 3
C K J 9

S x x
H x x
D 10 8 5 4
C Q x x

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S A K 9 7
H A K Q x
D A
C 10 x x

S x x
H x x
D Q J 9 7 2
C A x

North, Pass; East, One Spade; South, Pass; West, Pass; North, Double; East, Redouble; South, Two Diamonds; West, Double; and all pass. Result, three down. Here North had not sufficient values even for a strategic double. The important point, however, is whether South should not pass the redouble.

The two guiding factors mentioned above indicate a pass because (a) North may have his own take-out, clearly One No-trump here (the contract in the other room), and (b) the natural call for South, in spite of his five-card suit, is a pass because he is stronger than he need be, and can afford to wait and bid later if necessary.

It is only on a very weak hand with a five-card suit that it is essential to bid. Had South passed West would have been sure to bid. This is one of the many situations where the all-too-obvious bid is not as good as a pass.

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U.S. STAND ON CHINA

London surprised by hints in Washington REVERSAL EXPECTED

London, December 30.

Britain will inquire through the British Embassy in Washington into reports that the United States Government may reverse its present policy towards Nationalist China.

The reports said that the United States would give military aid and advice to assist the Chinese Nationalist Government in the defence of its last foothold—Taiwan.

Press reports from Washington this morning came as a complete surprise to British officials in London, who have so far had no inkling of a change in the American policy of writing off the Chinese Nationalist regime as a total loss.

Some of the Press reports suggested that a hard decision to give all aid and support to the Chinese in Taiwan had already been taken by the President.

Other reports said that a Chinese Nationalist request for help in defending the island against the Communist regime in China was yesterday before a routine meeting of the National Security Board in Washington.

The general impression in London today was that a change of American policy, resisted by some officials in Washington, is now on the way.

After much vacillation, British recognition of the Communist regime in China appears to be definitely fixed for next week, according to the latest information available tonight.

For this reason reports of a possible American change of front in United States policy towards China have come at an awkward moment.

Should reports of a changed American policy towards China prove correct, the possibility of a common Anglo-American policy

toward China would seem more remote than ever.

Aid expected

The Government in Taiwan expects to receive substantial quantities of arms from the United States in the coming months, a Chinese Embassy spokesman in Washington told Reuters today.

The Chinese spokesman emphasised that these arms are being paid for from the funds voted by Congress last November for aid to China and do not constitute a new form of military aid.

He said that orders had been placed for arms from the balance of the funds made available and that he knows of no obstacle to their despatch to Taiwan as soon as they are ready.

Meanwhile, United States officials have denied reports that President Truman had already decided to send new support to the Chinese Nationalist Government in Taiwan or that he had decided to send a military mission to the island.

They said that no one is thinking of sending such a mission there. But they point out that United States policy toward Nationalist China and Taiwan is under continuous study by the National Security Council.

Informal request

President Truman is being subjected to very great pressure from Republicans in Congress and from the predominantly Republican American Press to make a decisive change in his policy.

Some of the pressure takes the form of alleged "leaks" in the Press about sending new aid to Taiwan.

The United States has been informally asked by the Chinese Nationalist Government to send a group of advisers to Taiwan, Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, was asked if the Nationalist authorities had requested the services of an American Military Mission.

Mr. McDermott replied: "We have not been approached officially. There have been a number of informal approaches for advisers by the Chinese Nationalists. These have been made through different channels."

Officials in London believe sustained American support of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces in Taiwan would prove meaningless, once Britain recognises Mao.

"Put pressure on Britain"

British officials fully stress that the differences do not mean the British Government is much less anti-Communist than the U.S. Government. They contend that the split concerns each country's method, rather than objective, of beating back Asia Communism.

Britain and some of her partners hold that the United States would be better advised to launch a sort of Marshall plan for Asia.

Reaction in Taiwan to U.S. Navy move

Taipei, December 30. A Chinese official, commenting on United States Navy plans to increase the Western Pacific Fleet, said today that the Nationalist Government would welcome a visit by American warships to Taiwan waters.

Nationalist quarters could not comment further if the aircraft carrier, Boxer, and two destroyers are being added to the American Seventh Task Fleet for a show of strength in the Taiwan Strait. Some doubt if this would happen.

One official thinks it possible that the Boxer is being sent in response to the British and French anxiety over Hong Kong, Indo-China and Malaya and not as a gesture favouring Taiwan. — United Press.

RUSSIAN CONSULATE IN S'HA

San Francisco, December 30.

The Peking radio said that the Chinese Communist government has agreed to the establishment of a Soviet Consulate-General in Shanghai. The Consulate-General opened today. It is headed by the same official as under the Nationalists.

The radio also announced the publication on New Year's Day of a bi-weekly English-language magazine, "People's China," which seeks to familiarise foreign friends with the progress being made in the gigantic work of national reconstruction.

The first issue features an article by Mao Tse-tung, "Stalin—Friend of the Chinese People," as well as a poem "Long Live Comrade Stalin" by Kuo Mo-jo—China's foremost literary figure who is now serving the Communists with heart and soul.

The Chinese Communists are already publishing an English-language weekly, "China Digest," in Hong Kong.

The broadcast said the Chinese Communist Vice-Minister of Finance predicted that "in 1950 China will solve her food problem without having to import food from foreign countries." He did not give any definite details how this remarkable feat is to be achieved.

In the past, China has always heavily relied on rice imports from various Asian countries, even in years of excellent harvest. The Chinese Communists only recently admitted that they are facing "the worst famine of the last few decades."—United Press.

Four points

He advocated a four-point American policy in the Far East. Firstly: The United States should publicly proclaim to the world that it has no intention of having diplomatic relations with the Peking government.

Secondly: Mr. Truman should expedite action on allotting the US\$75,000,000 military aid fund which Congress at its last session granted him to use in discretion in "the area of China."

Thirdly: The United States should unfreeze US\$94,000,000 in ECA funds for China which remain unspent and will revert to the U.S. Treasury, unless allocated by February 1 or unless Congress extends the period for their use.

Fourthly: The President should send an able military mission to Taiwan, headed by somebody like Lieutenant-General Albert Wedemeyer.

Mr. Knowland said he would not advocate the sending of American troops to Taiwan. The Chinese Nationalists there and on Hainan island could hold out against the Reds alone if given a relatively small additional amount of help and some encouragement from the U.S. Government.

Morale good

"If Taiwan fell into unfriendly hands, it would make untenable the American position in the Philippines, Okinawa, and possibly Japan, and would expose the flank of the hard-pressed Koreans who feel the hot breath of the bear blowing on their necks."

Mr. Knowland asserted that, contrary to some reports he had read in the United States, he found the morale of the Chinese soldiers in Taiwan and Hainan good. He admitted that there have been defections in the past, but said they were due to no pay, worn-out equipment, and the State Department's White Paper on China, which he described as a great blow to the Chinese spirit.

He charged that U.S. efforts to get a coalition in China, weakened the Nationalists because it gave the Reds time to get from the Russians all the Japanese armaments surrendered in Manchuria. He claimed the Taiwanese are mainly loyal to the Nationalists and not interested in being "liberated" by the Communists.—Reuters, United Press and Associated Press.

CHINA CUTS TIES WITH NEW DELHI

Taipei, December 30.

The Chinese Nationalist Government severed diplomatic relations with India today as a result of India's recognition of the Chinese Communist regime.

The Nationalist Government has ordered the withdrawal of its diplomatic personnel in India.

A high official said India is mistaken if she believes recognition will remove the Chinese Communists' ambition to take over Tibet which lies on India's Northern border.

The official, who declined to be quoted by name, said that India evidently expects the Peking regime to adhere to the agreement made in 1906 between Britain and China regarding "the territorial integrity of Tibet," and which the Chinese Emperor never recognised.

The official said the Chinese Communists unquestionably will not recognise it either.

He said: "If New Delhi thinks the Communist government will swallow her bait of recognition hook, line and sinker, she will have to think again. The plan is insulting to the intelligence of the Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai."

He said India will be disappointed if she thinks Peking will recognise her as the successor to Britain's International treaty rights in so far as Tibetan independence is concerned.

Yeh's statement

The Nationalist Foreign Minister, Dr. George K. C. Yeh, announced the diplomatic break. He said it "will no doubt contribute to the further spread of Communism in the Pacific area."

The announcement said: "It is with regret that the Government of China learns of the Government of India's recognition of the Peking regime."

"It now must be clear to the democratic world that this regime is only the creation of a foreign power."

"Not only does it lack many of the attributes of a sovereign nation state, but it also lacks the spontaneous support of the great majority of the Chinese people."

The announcement said the Government is recalling the diplomatic mission in India, but will continue to cherish "the friendliest feelings" toward the Indian people.—United Press.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN THE AIR

London, December 30.

The crews of 12 Royal Air Force Lincoln heavy bombers will spend New Year's Day in the air on route from their Mildenhall base to Shaluf, Egypt, 2,000 miles away.

The planes and their crews will participate with aircraft of the Middle East Air Force in "Exercise Sunday," a month-long training project. Six planes will leave Mildenhall at 1 a.m. GMT on Sunday and the remaining six will leave an hour later. Both squadrons will fly non-stop via Beachy Head and Istres, near Marseilles, France. — Associated Press.



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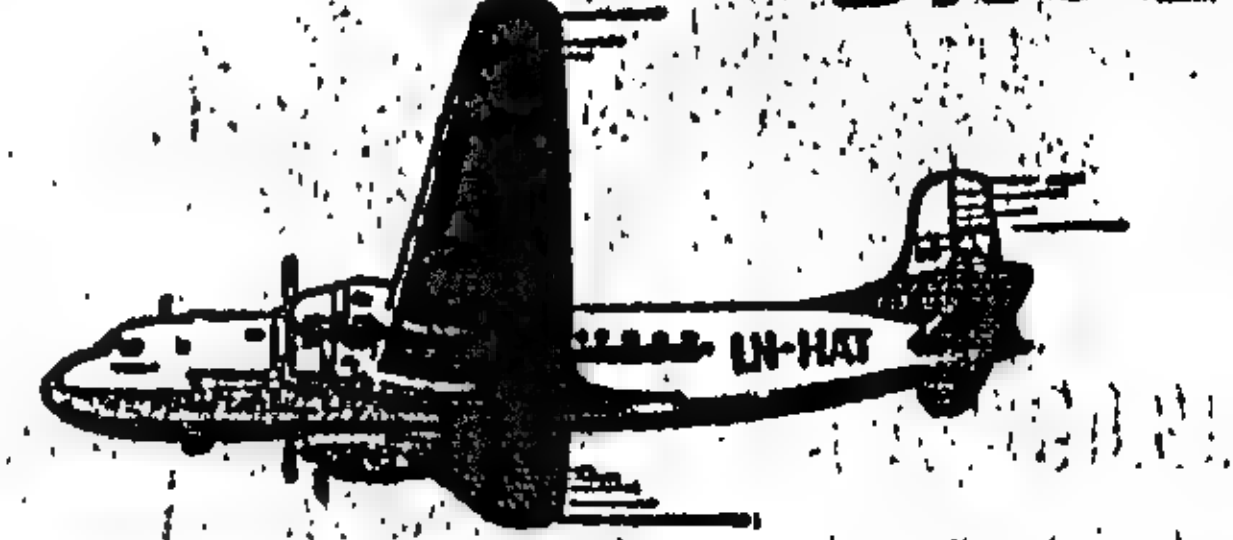
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Life among the Nudists: No. 3

NUDISTS TELL WHY THEY CHOOSE TO BE NAKED

By a special investigator

Every year, at a rate which has grown ever since the war, hundreds of British people of all ages become nudists for the first time in their lives.

Accustomed all their lives to being clothed in public, they become members of nudist clubs, where men, women, and children forgo their usual state of complete nudity, without shame or embarrassment. In most of these places even the scantiest covering is forbidden.

What motives have they in adopting this new way of life? I have met scores of nudists during the past few weeks, both in their nudist environment and out of it. It is impossible to label them as belonging to a particular type. I have found them a cross-section of ordinary people. They are different in age, profession, outlook, and temperament.

In their advocacy of nudism they range from the chartered accountant, who works in the city all the week and goes nudist only at week-ends, to the over-zealous nudist, who refuses to wear clothes at all except when he ventures into the outside world.

One veteran nudist lives naked all the year round, and even in the height of a severe winter refuses to be clothed, but he keeps doors shut and fires burning.

Natural state

In brief, a nudist can only speak for himself. Yet they differ mainly on detail, on the fundamental matter of nakedness. They are in agreement among themselves that nudism is a natural state and clothing a needless and annoying convention. I asked many of them: How did you join the movement, and why did you join? They discussed their motives freely and, without endorsing or rejecting them, I give their views. Only where the person interviewed gave me specific permission do I give his name; many—most of them—preferred to remain anonymous for fear of jeopardising their employment or giving offence to relatives and friends who would not share their views.

There are, roughly, two means by which converts are drawn into the movement—through reading one of the numerous periodicals which describe nudism and give the location of nudist camps, or through knowing somebody who is a member already. Some clubs are easy to join, others are selective almost to the point of exclusiveness.

Most of the nudists I questioned gave one of two reasons for joining. They claimed that unimpeded access to sun, air and water was good for health. Others claimed a philosophic basis for their beliefs, stating that clothing is an erotic device responsible for much needless mystery about the human body.

Chief attraction

They claimed that by discarding clothing one of the greatest incentives to promiscuity and inordinate interest in sex was removed, and that propriety was easier to maintain in a naked community than in a clothed one. For my part, I was looking for facts and not for surmise, and although I did not accept this last contention as being beyond

all dispute, I accepted it as being made in good faith.

I recently visited a convention of the British Sun Bathing Association, held at a week-end nudist camp near Crowthorne, Surrey, and met nudists from all parts of the country.

The 4½ acres of this camp were bought in 1941 by a munitions worker out of his earnings on the night shift. The club saved up money and paid him back, and today the ground and the buildings, erected by voluntary labour, are the joint property of the members, who number 100.

The club has a restaurant now being built, dressing rooms for each sex, a home-made shower bath, and a sports field. It has no swimming pool of its own

and they zealously guard their own privacy against intruders.

I asked a young woman, who was with her husband, why she was a nudist. "One day," she told me, "my husband went on holiday to the Isle of Wight, and wrote telling me he was staying in a nudist camp, and enjoying it. He wrote inviting me to come and join him. I went there—without misgivings—and found a friendly, natural atmosphere which appealed to me at once, and which I have experienced in most nudist camps I have visited. I have been a nudist ever since."

Beat burglar

A professional man, 40 years old, gave me a different reason. "I was a border case for tuber-



"But I feel absolutely naked without a hat!"

(though there is one near by, to use which members must first don bathing costumes), and no catering licence.

The time was spent in playing volleyball, standing around in groups and talking, listening to relayed music, or reading. There were competitions for children.

In all other respects, except their nakedness (which, as they fully realise, is not considered a commonplace except by nudists), they were an ordinary, middle-class crowd of friendly people, enjoying the sort of social occasion that one expects of an annual staff outing or Sunday School treat.

It is a non-commercial concern, and its chief attraction, so far as I could see, was that these people felt some sort of common denominator in their nudity. The ordinary person, coming to such a gathering, would instantly conclude that most of the people there would look far better clothed: the well-formed, the athletic, and the young were certainly a minority.

Yet to be fair to them, it needs stating that they forgetful only among themselves; they do not intrude on the lives of others,

culosis," he told me, "and when I was at the sanatorium I used to take air baths on the veranda of my bungalow. I just got used to being naked, and felt so much healthier that I carried on with it. Now the doctors say I'm completely cured."

A similar reason was given to me by Mr. P. Fryer, aged 70, who took to nudism three years ago and now lives at Spielsplatz, the nudist colony between St. Albans and Watford, in a bungalow he has built himself. He too had tuberculosis.

"I was advised by my doctor that I had only three years to live. He was a nudist, and advised me to be a nudist too. I took his advice, and I'm completely healthy once again, though I've been in poor health ever since the first Great War. In fact, when a burglar broke into these grounds the other night, it was I who gave chase and caught him, and gave him a hiding he won't forget in a hurry."

Then there was James Ramsay, aged 46, an engineer, of Seymour-avenue, Bruce Grove, Tottenham. At present he is building his own bungalow at Spielsplatz, where he intends to spend the rest of his life. "I found my brother had joined the movement," he explained, "and so I came along to see what it was like. I like it for the complete feeling of freedom which comes of throwing off your clothes, and the feeling of fitness you get after a week-end in the sun and air. I feel I've achieved something which the majority of mankind longs for but doesn't get."

The chairman of the club at Crowthorne thought nudism had a strong appeal to workers in urban areas because it gave them a chance to sun-bathe, and was a healthy way of life.

I asked a theatrical impresario what brought him into the movement. "I have found that bodily exposure has considerable benefits from a health point of view," he told me.

"But," I said, "there is general agreement among most people that athletics, sun-bathing, swimming, and fresh air are good things. But why complete nudity? Does that little bit of extra sun and air make all that much difference to health? Even primitive people employ some rudimentary covering, if only a loincloth. Modesty in these things is almost endemic in the human race."

"A lot of us, like myself, are drawn to nudism because we don't admit anything disgraceful in the human body, and feel a sense of relief when we are away from people who do," he said, emphatically. "We're not especially preoccupied with our nudity. It's something we take for granted, and feel happier for taking for granted. Scanty clothing is far more provocative than absolute nakedness."

'It saved me'

On this last point most people who ever visited an absolutely naked community would agree, but whether absolute nakedness is either practical or desirable is another matter.

The smaller, non-profit making clubs the feeling of belonging to a group gives members a feeling of comfort and strength. This is not peculiar to the nudists, for Britain is supremely a country of cliques, cabals, and coteries.

Some come into the movement for friendship's sake, some for the physical benefits they think can accrue, some for the sheer relief of defying convention and the feeling that, for however brief a period, they have escaped the numberless restrictions inherent in modern life.

One ex-soldier gave me another reason for becoming a nudist since the war. "When I left the forces I found my wife had deserted me," he said, "and it was a crushing blow to me at the time. But I and my daughter joined the nudists, and it's my opinion that it's been the saving of me."

"Mentally or physically?" I asked.

"A bit of both. The genuine friendliness of these places made me forget my troubles. There was plenty of volunteer work to do, and that helped too. You see, when people are dressed up their differences in social status. But let a man discard his chain of office, and his plans, and he looks like any other man. Nudity is a great leveller."

"But why did you become a nudist?" I asked. "Wouldn't any other preoccupation have served the same purpose—a new hobby, a new job?"

"Perhaps it would have done, but I shan't know now," he said. "I've taken to this sort of life, and I like it."

The majority of nudists, as I have said before, are drawn from urban areas, and for most of them, in my view, the main appeal of nudism is the feeling of escape it gives them, from the monotony and restrictions of daily life.

But do none join because they like looking at naked people, or enjoy the thought that they themselves are being observed? Such pleasure is not altogether unknown to medical psychiatrists. In popular parlance, the desire for public approbation of oneself in the naked state is termed exhibitionism. Certainly "Venus" contests and similar beauty competitions are a feature of some clubs, and many nudists like to collect photographs of their friends.

Ordinary people

But photography in clubs is strictly controlled. Pictures may not be taken without the consent

Inside Information

By MERCURY

Mr. Bevin has officially informed the Prime Minister that for reasons of health he intends to relinquish the Foreign Office when the life of the present Parliament ends.

American machine tools will be sent this month under the military aid programme to equip West European factories for producing American-design small arms.

Britain and the West German State will negotiate a new commercial agreement aiming at freer trade after July 1950.

The Defence Committee of the Atlantic Pact in Paris has decided in principle to use atom bombs if Europe is attacked.

Old Vic company will visit Denmark to play "Hamlet" at Elsinore next summer.

Australian tourists for Britain have booked up all ships until June 20 in a record holiday rush.

U.S. scientists in South-West Africa have struck an important mineral vein in atomic fission.

Mr. Attlee has been in touch with President Truman about the personal problems of leadership of Anglo-American forces in the future.

No more foreign volunteer workers will be taken into the Lancashire cotton industry for fear of causing unemployment.

A British delegation is going to Vienna to negotiate the first post-war Anglo-Austrian trade treaty.

A Polish newspaper has been confiscated in Warsaw for publishing a photograph of the Polish C-in-C, Marshal Rokossowski, in Soviet Army uniform.

West German railways are negotiating, with Allied approval, for a loan of £20,000,000 in Switzerland.

of the subjects, and usually the secretary reserves the right to see the photographs before they pass into the photographer's possession.

Is there any erotic appeal for all this, and does that explain the growth of nudism? Certainly nobody whom I spoke to thought pictures of naked people were erotic. On the other hand, periodicals devoted to nudism carry many photographs of naked people—pictures which, in total, are coldly erotic.

Some of the more pretty models have certainly never been in a nudist camp except to be photographed, and a Peeping Tom who hoped to get pleasure by intruding into the average nudist camp could consider himself poorly rewarded.

The mere fact that men and women mixing together in the nude is a daily occurrence seems to me proof that the members do not seek nudism as a device for enjoying a greater degree of sexual licence than would be available to them elsewhere.

They are human, of course, but I have the feeling that since they have divested sex of so much of its mystery, celibacy, for those who wished to practise it, would come easier to them than for those who aren't nudists. After all, mystery and taboo are part of the appeal of sex—though of course not all of it.

None had, in embarking on this inquiry, any preconceived ideas and no bias, either in their favour or against them. It is certain that many people will keep their thoughts to themselves when seeking admission to some clubs, and that some black sheep are admitted.

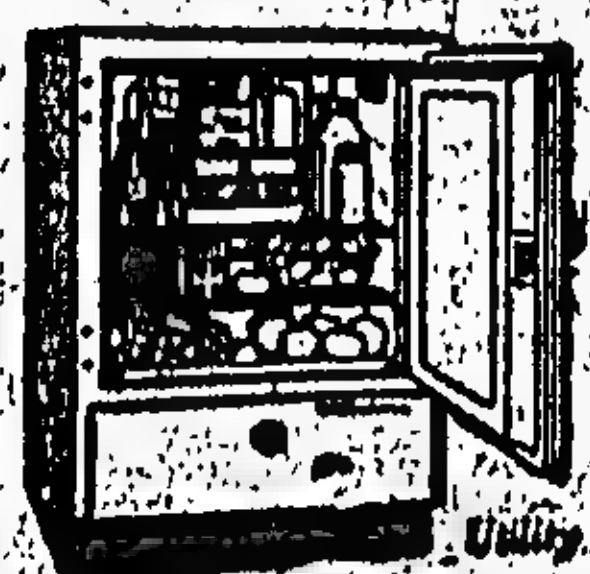
Is it moral?

None the less, it seems to me that most nudists are an ordinary cross-section of people enjoying themselves (if one forgets the sexual aspect of the movement) in a perfectly normal and humdrum way.

I am, in fact, gradually drawn to the somewhat surprising conclusion that nudism is an erotic movement—a limitation or often even a sublimation of sexual pleasures. I am not being dogmatic about this. But I accept the claims of the nudists I have spoken to that they joined the movement from moral motives.

This, however, raises a quite separate issue: if nudism is moral in intention, is it moral in fact? What are the physical, ethical, and sociological implications, of nudism, which is so rapidly on the increase in this country? I will deal with this aspect of the matter next week.

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Private lives No. 14—Greer Garson

MRS. MINIVER AT HOME
IN THE HALL OF FAME

By Norman Price

Greer Garson, although merely British, today rules Hollywood. On her behalf, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer claim the title: "The World's Favourite Film Actress."

Facts support this Her Academy and International awards parade in rows like Roman Legions to acclaim her sovereignty.

She is not scented, silken, exotic. But from her eyes she has little to fear, though they flaunt praised legs, throats, magnified bosoms, flourish Royal Academy and Comedie Francaise scholarships.

For Greer Garson was Mrs. Miniver and her name in fame is woven from the same stone as a centaph.

She was also Madame Curie and a star in "Goodbye Mr. Chips," "Pride and Prejudice," "Bliss in the Park," "Random Harvest," "The Valley of Decision."

Her prize verse

Not had for a former, London office girl who never spent a day in dramatic class.

Her only experience was one winning verse, recitation in the village town hall at a children's festival, and one first prize won at the age of seven in an impromptu acting contest set up by a holiday school class for holidays in the theatre.

In those days her hair flamed red as an ivy leaf.

Nearly 30 years have subdued Greer Garson's red hair until it glows barely, like brightly lit snow, through a cottage window. It is a red hair, a red hair, a red hair.

But the Greer Garson you see in film is still a pale shadow compared with the real flesh-and-blood.

She is a glorious Technicolor. Flashed eyes blue in distant blue. Yellow housecoat, green chiffon scarf at her white neck. The milk skin of a red head. Her hair is crimson. Her slippers are gold.

Her friendly, putted underlip is doubled light orange. She gives the effect of being lit inside, like a hollow alabaster saint.

But her hair was the only flame of her youth. She grew up quiet, bookish, pale, used to faint in London streets and tub-trains as a schoolgirl.

At 15 she had won a brilliant open scholarship to any university in Britain, had to wait two years until she was old enough to use it.

Then distinction degrees in arts and sciences at London University, in languages at Grenoble University, and a commercial degree.

In a London advertising firm, with her own office, a huge desk, a £10-weekly salary and six assistants, her busy red head bobbing like a harbor buoy, Miss G. Garson became a managerial executive. She was 21 years old.

Then abruptly, one day, the competent, studious and successful Miss G. Garson resigned. She went to join the Birmingham Repertory Theatre as a student-player at £4 a week. It meant back-street lodgings, and all the one-line "Yes, sir!" "Your carriage awaits" roles of a beginner.

Within two years she was the star of a touring company.

Her first West End performance was opposite Laurence Olivier, in a play that crawled away to die after three weeks. But Greer Garson did not. She was in eight successful West End plays in the next three years.

Then Hollywood and of course in her first film, "Goodbye Mr. Chips," Greer Garson took an Academy Award.

Her essay in wax occupies a place in Madame Tussaud's "Hall of Fame." This above all other triumphs is the one that has touched Greer Garson's heart.

"A film Academy Award when you get it home, is just another statuette," she says. "If you got the wrong role, you lose. But to be in Madame Tussaud's, it thrills me!"

Says she: "They asked me to send a simple two-piece costume for the wax-work, so they could put me with a shopping basket on my arm, as Mrs. Miniver."

She laughs delightedly. "But I had a cautious thought about that!"

"In about 15 years a 1949 two-piece costume will look horribly out-moded. I can just imagine some official saying, 'Fit heavens! sakes get that thing out of here and melt it down!'"

"Well, I don't want to be melted down, not yet, anyway! So I decided to send them a white evening gown, one of those timeless, undated gowns. I thought perhaps it might smuggle me along for a few extra years!"

Saved from sea

Today, success and contentment have left her with no visible signs of childhood sickness.

In a recent film, "Julia Misbehaves," she was a stage acrobat, balanced precariously atop a human pyramid of muscle-bulging circus men. "What girl could ask more?" giggles Greer wickedly, and gives a hint of the mischievous kitten beneath the mortared and Khag lights.

In "Desire Me" she was accidentally swept out to sea, battled alone for nearly an hour while rescue boats sought her. They

brought her ashore, wrapped her in warm blankets. She wanted a drink of hot milk, a towel for her drenched red hair. Then she was back on the job.

Now her hobby is the ailments of other people. She carries a



GREER GARSON

black handbag that bulges with cinema's sundries.

Redskin 'princess'

The best way to steal the undivided attention of Greer Garson at a party is to complain of a bunton, sore eye, ache or 'flu.

With me it was a headache. She produced remedies, fixed me with her solemn, stony blue eyes. "You will feel much better in a moment!" An almost hypnotic firmness of assurance.

This was in her 40 guineas-a-week apartment in London, on the second floor of the Dorchester Hotel where a friendly wood fire burned.

She is lovely, like watching a coloured fountain. Her thoughts hurtle, soar, explode with a sudden gunshot of mirth, like clay-pigeon discs. She can talk bright as glass—or with a warm, serene wisdom. She can be the girl from next door—or the actress who has journeyed half-way across the world to appear before the King.

She has an honorary doctor's degree and is a princess of a proud, choosy, Redskin tribe. They have no other honorary princess than Greer Garson.

Her husband, Buddy Fogelson, is a Texan rancher, lawyer, oil king. They were married six months ago, have an adopted son, Gayle.

"Buddy," says Greer, "is the kind of man who never bothers to look in the mirror. I think he's forgotten what his face looks like!"

He broke his nose four times, never bothered to get it mended.

Their ranch home

Buddy Fogelson was a footballer, boxer, sportsman, brilliant soldier with Eisenhower's personal staff, and an acting general with the U.S. Army in Japan under MacArthur.

He talks with slow, humorous Texan drawl.

His marriage proposal was typical. "Girl," he said, "this will be no fly-night matter!"

His grandfather killed himself falling from a ladder at the age of 104.

"My great-granddad was only 102 when he fell downstairs," he says. "But," he adds, "those were rough days, you understand!"

His father is 96 and still prunes the orchard trees. So Greer agreed to the marriage—on condition they moved into a bungalow when Buddy was around 100!

Their California home is a ranch 254 miles from the nearest film studio. Greer is having it painted white, to be named "Rancho Blanco."

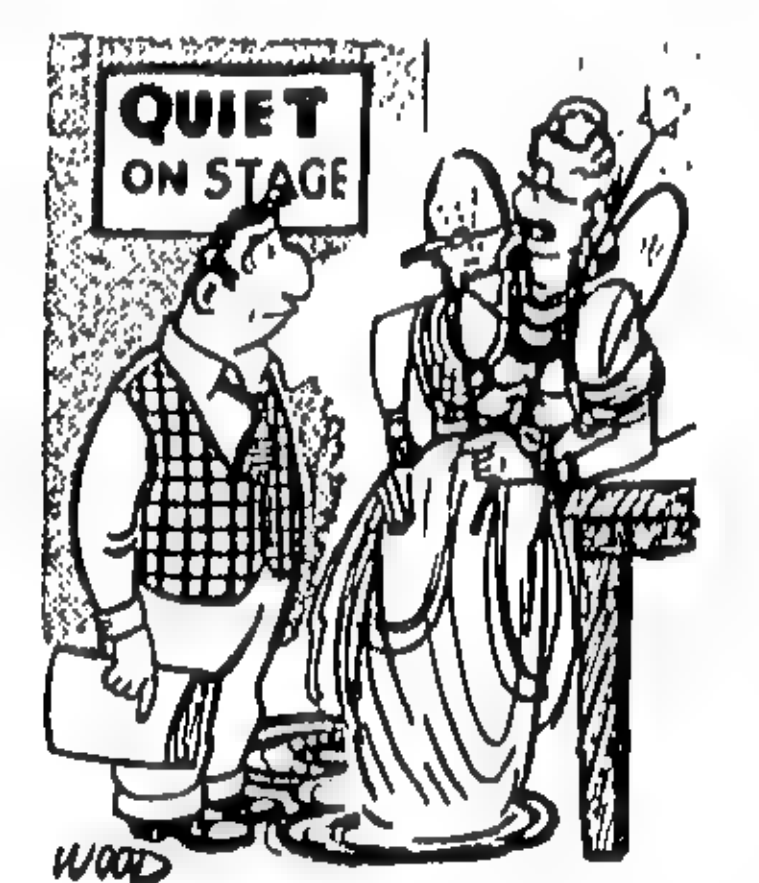
At the ranch-house, "there is no furniture to spoil, except one Steinway grand piano."

Even the Steinway piano was second-hand. It had only been played once, the shopman told her. "By Rubinstein!" he added proudly.

Greer thrust provocative fingers through her tawny hair. "If Rubinstein has played it only once the piano has already had 15 years of life banged out of it," she said firmly. "I shall want the price reduced 50 dollars!"

They reduced it. And now Rubinstein journeys to Rancho Blanco to play the piano as a guest.

There was a touch of the real Mrs. Miniver in that.



"Look, Big Boy," you tell Mr. Litter to trouble the figure and I'll produce him a guaranteed strike-proof band out of a mouth organ."

Australia may have
to import food

By Arthur Morley

Britain may be deprived of food by the dazzlingly-successful attempt of the Australian Government to attract emigrants from the British Isles and Europe.

The emigrants are coming now in immense numbers. More than 170,000 are expected here before the end of this fiscal year.

The Minister for Immigration (Mr. Arthur Calwell) has announced that the Dominion's population should reach 10,000,000 by 1957.

This means a 2,200,000 or 28 per cent increase in eight years—something that even the United States never knew in the greatest days of 19th century immigration. And it means, also, that Australia is receiving more immigrants than New Zealand, Canada and South Africa combined.

But there is a big catch. The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Pollard) announces that unless there is appreciable expansion of Australia's rural industries, the Dominion will be obliged to IMPORT food to feed herself when the population reaches 10,000,000.

No surplus

Far from there being a surplus to export to Britain, Mr. Pollard's Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates that Australia would need to import annually 134,000 tons of meat, 158,000 tons of potatoes, 72,000 tons of fruit, and 1,000 tons of processed milk products.

The saving clause is Mr. Pollard's hope that rural production will be expanded at least proportionately as the population grows.

This is not as simple as it sounds. Most immigrants reaching here are city men and generally speaking industrial businessmen who want to settle in cities.

Nobody can force them to work in food-producing industries, but the Australian Government has decided now to attempt to persuade them to do so voluntarily.

A Migrant Labour Council has been formed of Government and departmental representatives, and outstanding business and industrial consultants.

Its task is to advise the Government on placing immigrants in industries and geographical areas so that they may bring about a balanced growth of the whole economy.

In the case of European displaced person immigrants, it is possible to send them to the country areas, as the D.P.'s sign a contract to do what they are told for two years, in return for their passage.

Way with Britons

British immigrants, however, sign no such contract, and all that can be done is to find them jobs in rural areas—except then to the quiet pleasures of rural life, as it were, and hope they succumb to it. If they don't they

will move back to the great cities, and have to be fed.

The Government, advised by the Council, is tackling the problem by creating opportunities for immigrants to make money in food production.

They are opening up new cattle and sheep country by building roads and railways; creating new irrigation areas; using the profit motive to tempt Britons and Europeans on to the land.

The Government is also seeking to use the migrants to end material shortages that have been keeping down foodstuff production. Farmers and graziers have been unable to get all the piping and iron needed for water conservation and irrigation works.

They cannot build new barns because of galvanised iron and timber shortages. So the Government is diverting migrants to the coal and steel industries and to forestry. This should eventually result in increased food output.

Eventually, it is hoped to have 1,000,000 emigrants in these basic industries and in other employment in the capital cities and in forestry. This should eventually result in increased food output.

With this distribution, it is expected that food exports may not only be maintained, but increased. But the whole plan depends on the willingness of migrants to settle where the Government desires.

Tractors need

It depends to a lesser extent, also, on the country's ability to import petrol and machinery for farms. Australia needs 20,000 tractors to increase wheat and other crops. It is hoped that Britain will be able to supply them.

The average Australian is just beginning to realise that there is more to an immigration programme than providing transport from Britain and Europe. New settlers will need approximately 500,000 homes within eight years—and Australians themselves need another 300,000 to make up for war-time cessation of building.

But the building industry is only exceeding by 3,000 homes a year the "normal" output of 40,000 needed for newly-weds. So, unless there is a vast increase in building and industrial activity, the housing shortage will continue for years.

Federal and States Governments, however, are confident that they can overcome building problems. The immigrants themselves form a tremendous labour pool to help overcome shortages.

The most troublesome and dangerous problem remains that of rural production; of producing food and wool in exportable quantities for Britain. The Federal Government can give no quick answer on what the immigration programme will do to food exports.

But it is at least a hopeful sign that they are aware of the problem, and have begun to tackle it vigorously.

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Between Ourselves

BUTTONS ON YOUR DRESS

By Janet Martin

Buttons have never enjoyed greater popularity. They have been in the fashion news for more than two seasons now, but whatever changes the New Year may bring forth, it is clear that buttons head the starting parade again.

Late season models and advance models for the early spring continue the button theme with greater ingenuity than ever. Some styles would appear to have been created mainly as a background for buttons, in Paris the button craze is at its height.

Your new frocks for the cold weeks and cool months of early spring will have a slim, narrow-skirted line, bodices with softly-bloused backs, and buttons marching in rows at every conceivable angle.

Beautiful buttons are not easy to find, but look around for some of those Chinese buttons with centres of quartz, amethyst and turquoise. They are not expensive and look rich and unusual on a woolen frock, as just as the current button trend deceives.

Buttons have gone way beyond the merely necessary, the means of fastening. They have become the height of embellishment, yet there is nothing funny about their measured rows. The more obviously they are for ornament rather than for use, the higher their fashion value.

For plain frock

For your plain frock that needs refreshing to finish out the season, buttons are the answer again. If the sleeves are raglan or dolman cut, with shoulder seam continued down the arm, wear a row of smart buttons along the left seam only, from neck to sleeve end.

Button on a daring splash of brightness with a such length of taffeta laid across the front and buttoned on each hip, ends falling to more than hem length at either side.

Coats have favourite button ideas too. Loose greatcoats have mock vents at the back, lavishly buttoned to the hem. Sleeves appear to button all along the top seams from wrist to shoulder. Pockets are huge, overlapping pockets, buttoned together. Buttons down the front are merely incidental to the main theme.

Suits have detachable pockets, buttoned on a single lapel on the right and continuing to the waist at the left in one continuous line. Fur collars, capes and cuffs are elaborately secured by ultra-ornamental buttons. Jacket peplums are found buttoned back at the left to reveal a lining of fur.

Now sleeve

Among the dresses there is a new sleeve, close fitting to the elbow, with a deep, gathered flounce or rill, buttoned on or down the side. There are slim, narrow sleeves, buttoned down the sides from waist to hem, left open from the knee to allow a wing of contrasting undershirt to peep forth.

Very popular indeed is the simple coat frock with rows of buttons placed diagonally. One never can be buttoned across from shoulder to waist. When left open, the buttons are still in evidence, and setting their march down the skirt from waist to hem.

Buttons down the back, once to be seen in many collections, but these styles can be very uncomfortable to wear and unless the buttons are very flat, they are apt to indent the back of your coat or jacket.

And to go with all these buttons there are, of course, gloves which buttons along the side seam, shoes with button trimming... and I have just seen a dressy evening handbag with a wide, corded silk top buttoned on to a shirred, suede base. Another button year, you think, and you might be right.

Keeping a straight face

by IRIS ASHLEY



Sketches by FRANCIS MARSHALL

A woman arriving home from a day's Holiday parties is liable to be quite pleased, happy, and triumphant—until she looks into the mirror.

It probably strikes her then that this Father Christmas stuff is all very fine, but... well, she doesn't want to look like him! (We remember also, the lady in the cartoon who cried from the heart: "Where do all those ladies in Harper's Bazaar get the time?")

So to make you beautiful for the New Year or any other time, here is a home massage treatment, worked out by a famous beauty specialist, and it only takes 15 minutes.

You can do it all before you take your bath, leaving the cream to soak in with the steam; or maybe just before you cook the dinner, and then you can clean off and make up just before you wash up. And, of course, there's always bed-time. Your husband's bedtime will make him laugh, even if you don't.

Just one go will make you feel, and look, fine. Three times a week and it's move over, Jean Simmons.

Are you ready?

First, cleanse your face thoroughly with the back of your hand. Now put a large blob of good soft skin cream on the palms of each hand — and proceed as shown in the sketches alongside.

1. Rubbing with fingertips at the jaw, massage slowly up until the cheek is quipped by your palm. Finish with upward sweep. (Six times.)

2. With the pads of your fingers, smooth upwards from nose to temples. (Ten times.)

3. With the right hand, play the palm of the right hand over the bridge of the nose, the forehead, the nose, the cheekbones. Follow with the left hand, smoothing out across the forehead to the side hairline. (Twenty times.)

4. Start from the nose; put gently along under the eyes with middle fingers. (Six times.)

5. Using the same fingers, stroke over the eyelids from the nose outwards. (Six times.)

6. With plenty of cream, using alternate hands, smooth down and back over the throat and neck.

End this by slapping briskly under the chin. (Twenty times.)

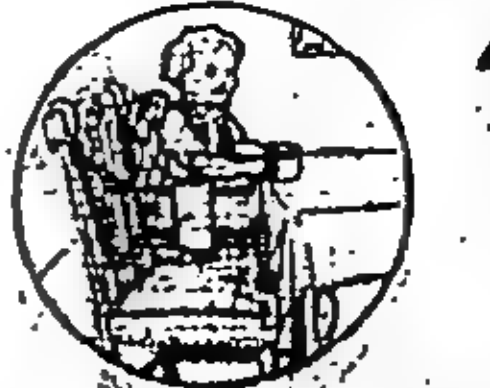
7. With the middle fingers, massage really firmly in little circles over the chin, round the mouth and up the side of the nose. (Twenty times.)

8. Blow out your cheeks and pat briskly over the whole inflated area of your face. (Fifteen times.)

9. With your middle fingers work cream over the cheeks with very brisk upward and outward movements. Start low by the jaw, and work up to the cheekbone. (Fifteen times.)

When it is all done, do be sure to clean off every trace of grease with cooling skin lotion... personally, I like to end with tepid water and soap. Then your new make-up will go on so smooth and beautiful you'll hardly know yourself.

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Between Ourselves

NEW YEAR BEAUTY

By Claudia

New Year's Day... and one's thoughts just naturally turn to Resolutions.

However futile they may invariably turn out to be, however much like those "pie-crust" promises, made to be broken, New Year resolutions are at once acknowledgements of past shortcomings and evidence of a wish for improvement.

All they need is a little stretch to make them stick! Some years, especially in the young and inexperienced ones, we find ourselves making a host of rash promises involving such a drastic revision of all our pet failings that the strain is quite too much for poor, weak human nature. By the end of one week, or even less, the strain has proved too much and we are back in the bad old ways again.

So if instead each of us would make just one good resolution for beauty, there would be a far, far better chance of that resolution enjoying a long and successful career.

We all know quite the bad things we do and the good things we don't do, the jobs we scump, the routines we skip, the elementary rules of beauty we sometimes forget altogether.

General failings

To help you choose your special resolution for 1950, I am listing some of the most general failings in beauty care and culture. If you are a culprit you will know it very well and I hope your conscience gives you a quick just sharp enough to make you say to yourself and mean it: "I resolve!"

How often do you slip up on the "three R's" of skin care: Cleansing, Toning and Lubricating? This routine of three is the very basis of beauty culture. Do you ever "let it be" to remove your make-up, no matter how tired you feel? Do you always stimulate the skin with tone or cream,

cold water after cleansing? Does your skin get a small spoonful of skinfood every single day, to keep it smooth and soft?

Dull, sallow skin, spots and pimples are usually if not invariably caused by indiscretions in the diet. Lots of cream and concealing make-up are the coward's not very successful way out. A little internal discipline is called for and surely the reward of a fresh, clear skin is worth the resolution to forego those goodies your tummy craves.

Roll of flesh

Wishful thinking will never split away that little roll of flesh around the waistline, that extra inch round the hips which ruins the effect of your smartest frock. No good turning your mental eye the other way. You can never forget it's there, you can never feel yourself that no one notices and the result is a lessening of your self-confidence, a nagging feeling of guilt because you are not doing anything about it.

Take a firm Resolution to do your daily dozen religiously each morning: exercise those tummy muscles, bump and roll away that layer of fat on the hips. Start now, this very day, so that by the time you go to buy your new season, bathing costume, you can be proud of your figure again.

We have all been disillusioned in the past at our own failure to keep up with those good resolutions of the New Year, but each of us can manage just one, I am sure.

Ann Temple

Parting is such sorrow

When a man finds his enthusiasm waning for a girl and attempts to tell her so, she resorts to tears and sobs, and makes him feel such a low specimen that he patches things up again. And so it goes on, she holding on like grim death and he hanging on like...

Why can't girls be sensible and see that to hold a man by sobs and tears, and throwing at him what he might have said in an unforgotten moment, is a sure road to unhappiness?—HOOKED.

Sensible? That's hardly a fair request. The girl might very well retort with: "Why can't men be sensible and not let their enthusiasm race them along regardless of the girl's feelings being involved?"

But to get down to the solution—the holding on versus the will to run. Note how the wise man gets out of it.

He becomes the strong man who takes the situation in hand. He is kind and understanding and brotherly.

He makes her believe that she doesn't really mean what she has been saying, that she really is too clear-headed and mentally courageous not to see things as they are, and that they both could get so much more out of a grand friendship.

He's wonderful, this Sensible man. He looks after himself, and he looks after the girl too—in a way. Anyway, he saves them both from that "certain unhappiness." He's your model.

Nothing has gone right with our family lately. I say I am not superstitious, but I find myself thinking and wondering about some peacock feathers that were brought to the house not long ago.

What is the origin of that particular superstition? Knowing might help me to overcome it.—DEVON.

It probably arises out of the peacock having been the sacred bird of the goddess Hera.

bird of Juno. These temple birds were in the care of priests, and anyone else touching them committed sacrilege for which the punishment was death.

That's just one explanation. You can find others in a dictionary of superstitions—an enormous book with hundreds of superstitions that would keep you jittery every second of the day if you believed in them.

Most of the superstitions have faded out in the light of knowledge and reason. Realising that may help you to let this one go.

My husband has already had one illness as a result of worry, and I see him heading for another. He is a responsible Civil Servant, works terribly hard, and is extremely conscientious.

He lets himself be upset by bad decisions made by others and he worries continually over remarks which he thinks derogatory to himself. Can I do anything to help him?—WIFE.

It is alarmingly easy for a serious worker to slip off into over-seriousness and become mentally rigid. Another alarmingly easy thing that can happen to us is to lose our sense of humour through giving it no exercise.

It really is surprising how swiftly fun and lightheartedness drop from us if we don't hold on to them.

If you can restore to him his sense of humour—even an occasional gleam—you are giving him the best of all relaxations. He badly needs the light amusing side of things just before him. So don't let his seriousness affect your sense of humour.

Avoid dropping into his mood and giving your sympathy. Pull him away into your mood. Make him laugh with you. Don't say you don't feel like it. "I don't know" anything so swiftly rewarding as the determination to look and sound cheerful. The comic effort of one's perhaps grim effort pushes one over into the real thing.

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New Paris jewellery



Among the new jewellery from the Paris designing houses this season are this bib necklace and matching bracelet in gold mesh with glittering round-cut diamonds. Both by Boucheron.—Association Press Photo.

CONVERTIBLE DRESSES

By Florence Mills

Day and cocktail dresses that can be converted for evening wear in exactly the time it takes to undo a button, were the main feature of a winter style show given by Carven, one of the top women designers in Paris.

The dresses have cap-sleeved bodices, held together on the left shoulder with link buttons. The buttons unfasten and the back and front of the bodice flop down to leave one shoulder completely bare.

Carven uses fine wool, taffeta and velvet for these dresses. She varies the procedure of using detachable, wide shoulder straps or cross-over bodices that fold back into wide lapels, leaving a wide plunging neckline.

Jean Patou, one of the veterans in the French fashion world, also introduces some "stripelasse" effects this winter. He shows a black wool jersey day dress with a tremendous shawl collar that can quickly be pulled down into an off-shoulder neckline.

Unusual Trimmings

Both designers show unusual trimmings and hundreds of buttons. They favour small, round buttons, packed close together down either side of long inverted pleats on day dresses, down dress openings a yard long and set from top to bottom, off furlined-topcoats.

Carven uses black and white catseye buttons on black suits and buttons that look exactly like chestnuts on bulky topcoats. She sets tiny leather

straps around the cuffs of three-quarter length sleeves and shows an apron fastened to a dress with small, goldbuckled, leather tabs.

Patou uses leather tabs also to fashion stowaway collars on topcoats. He trims the pockets and lapels of a sage green corduroy suit with what looked like the bristles of a man's shaving brush.

His tailored suits are more loose fitting this year. One is a loose hopsack weave, fitted almost like a middy blouse, it was so shapeless.

Belts by both designers are craftily shaped to hug the top of the hips. They are shown in black patent leather and often in the same material as the dress.

Carven uses a lot of satin broadcloth in shades of beige, pink, lavender and bottle green for day dresses, but Patou prefers black or brown brightened with plaid wool scarves slotted around the hips.

Patou, has long, severely cut bodices with full skirts mounted onto them at midhips level. Carven follows mainly the pencil slim style with looped drapery on one hip or skirts with mild bias cut fullness tapered in at the waist.

She shows hooped skirts for evening in mixtures of chiffon and lace and smothered with sequin and mother-of-pearl embroidery.

Patou goes in more for sophisticated straight-lined stuff in satin with flying panels that develop into trains at the back.—Associated Press.

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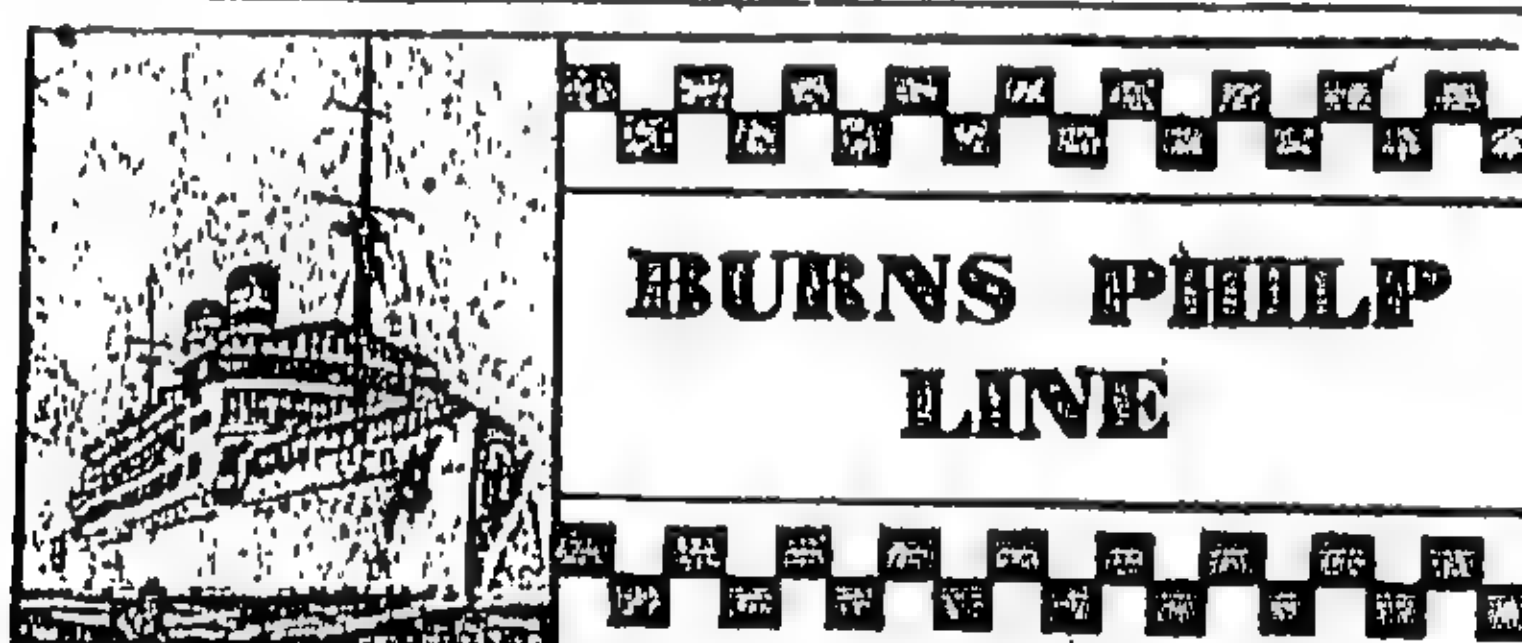
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BANS LIFTED BY UK

London, December 30.
Britain lifted some of her lesser bans against sending British money to some other Marshall Plan nations today.
The Treasury eased regulations affecting France, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Iceland, Western Germany, Greece, Turkey, Austria and the Anglo-American zone of Trieste.

Nations of these countries who work in Britain for limited periods will now be allowed to send home as much as they can have out of their earnings. Previously, they were limited to 50 per cent of their earnings.

Emigrants from Britain to these countries will also be allowed to take out up to £500,000 of capital spread over four years instead of £1,000 as at present.

Similar treatment will be accorded foreign nationals leaving Britain to live in any of these countries.

The Treasury also relaxed controls on capital coming from outside the Sterling area into the United Kingdom for approved investment projects. It announced that normally it would allow this capital up to the amount of the original investment to be taken out again at any time.

At present such capital is blocked for at least 10 years.—Associated Press.

INDO-PERSIAN TRADE TALKS

New Delhi, December 30.
Trade talks between officials of the Government of India and a Persian economic delegation began here today. Today's talks were preceded by a conference at which the Commerce Minister, Mr. K. C. Neogy, welcoming the delegation, recalled the "long-standing relationship between the two countries through the centuries."

Present-day international trade was governed by complicated machinery but there was good scope for neighbourly and friendly treatment between India and Persia, he said.

The Persian Ambassador, replying, said that the division of the Indian sub-continent "has in no way lessened our commercial fellowship with India. On the contrary, both Government and commercial quarters in our country look for the development of close and lasting friendship between the two countries."

The Persian economic delegation, led by Fathollah Noury Secandary, a member of the Persian High Council of the Seven-Year-Plan, arrived in Delhi on Wednesday and expects to stay in India for 10 days.—Reuter.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROPOSAL

Washington, December 29.
President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers in its fourth annual report has come out strongly in favour of a national system of social security for the United States.

It thought that the country could afford this programme with contributions from Government as well as from employers and workers without impairing its growth.

"The best way in to protect people in their old age as a matter of right and not leave what may happen to them later subject to unforeseeable policy decision," the Council said.—Reuter.

MINERS NEAR TARGET

London, December 30.
British coal miners seem sure to crack the Government's production target of 315,000,000 tons during 1949.

The Ministry of Fuel and Power announced today that the nation's coal output at the end of last week was only 3,334,300 tons short of the goal.

During the week ending last Saturday, 4,301,000 tons of coal were mined in Britain, the Ministry reported.—Associated Press.



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New York, December 31.

Any encouragement for British and other foreign imports into the United States is meeting with growing opposition in some American manufacturing circles. This was strikingly illustrated today.

A half-page advertisement, appearing in the current issue of the "Daily News Record," the American textile trade periodical, is headed "The Import Menace."

Underneath is the following statement by Continental Mills Inc. of Philadelphia: "We must confess a feeling of misgiving as we watch the mounting arrivals of woolsens and worsteds, wool textiles and clothing from abroad."

"The indications are that as a result of the devaluation of the British pound and because of duty reductions, the imports of wool textiles and apparel are likely to grow inordinately as time marches on. This is a serious threat to the wool textile and apparel industries."

"It is a menace to the American wool textile industry. It is a blow to the purchasing power of our people."

"It is difficult to comprehend the psychology of Americans who prefer to send merchandise orders abroad which can be filled satisfactorily at home."

"We ask, not in the name of patriotism but rather on the grounds of common sense, that where all things else are equal, preference be given to the native product."

Toy campaign

An article appearing in the same issue states:

"British worsteds are putting into the business of worsted mills here, especially among smaller manufacturers," a seller for a domestic mill said yesterday.

He said he had visited a dozen or so clothing manufacturers and found that virtually every suit on their racks was labelled 'imported fabric.'

The opposition of American toy manufacturers to the importation of British and other foreign toys is further illustrated by a full-page advertisement in the magazine Life, in which the trade organization to these manufacturers deftly hints that the imported product may endanger the safety and development of American children.

"When you buy a gift for a child," states, "make sure that your selection is American."

"Only American toys are checked and screened for popularity and child development by child psychologists on the staff of the American Toy Institute. Only American toys have the best of safety standards set up by the American Toy Institute after years of research."

FREE IMPORTS TO HOLLAND

The Hague, December 30.
The Netherlands Government has issued a second list of goods which can be freely imported from countries belonging to the Organisation for European Economic Co-Operation.

The list will be effective on January 2 next and relates to imports from the following countries and their overseas territories.

Britain, Eire, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Greece, Turkey and Austria.

Special measures such as the compensation regulation in respect to Austria will remain in force.

It is further announced that part of the textile imports from Belgium and Luxembourg as well as from the above-mentioned countries will be freed on January 19 and on a limited scale woolen yarns from France and Italy.—Reuter.

RESTRICTIONS TO GO

Stockholm, December 30.

Sweden's Social Government plans to abolish all restrictions on imports from Marshall countries by July 1.

It is estimated that Sweden will be able to buy 1,000 million crowns worth more of goods from these countries next year. This increase would bring their exports to Sweden to about the same value as they would reach if they were free.

Imports from the dollar area will, however, be restricted to about the same value as this year.—Reuter.

Baghdad, December 30.
The Iraqi Government has recognised the United States of Indonesia.—Associated Press.

DISPUTE OVER TOBACCO PRICE

Paris, December 30.
The French National Federation of Tobacco Growers today announced that it had decided to suspend deliveries to the Government Tobacco Monopoly as a result of a dispute over the price to be paid for the 1949 crop.

The Federation said that the Monopoly wanted to reduce the price though costs had gone up by about 15 per cent, and the weight of the crop was more than 20 per cent short as a result of last summer's drought.

The Federation also said that the growers had reached the target set by the plan for France's reconstruction—30,000 hectares compared with 15,000 to 16,000 hectares before the war and powerful pressure is being exerted on the international plane to bring cultivation down to its pre-war level.—Reuter.

CZECH-PAKISTAN TRADE PACT

Prague, December 30.

Czechoslovakia today announced conclusion of a one-year trade agreement with Pakistan envisaging exchange of goods worth 1,000,000,000 Crowns (US\$20,000,000).

The Czechs will export mainly motor cars, tractors, paper, chemicals and textiles and will import jute, cotton, pharmaceuticals and raw materials.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN CROPS

Moscow, December 30.

The Soviet Government today reported record-breaking crop yields of grain, cotton, flax, hemp and sunflower seeds in 1949.

The chief inspector of crop yields attached to the Soviet Council of Ministers said the area planted for crops in 1949 was more than 64,000,000 acres greater than in 1948.

It was reported the grain crop was the largest in the Soviet Union's history and had solved the country's grain problem.—Associated Press.

NEW CAR FERRY

Ottawa, December 30.

The Transport Minister, Mr. Lionel Chevrier, announced in Parliament that a \$3,000,000 car ferry will be built to run between Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and a port in the Eastern United States.

It will replace the present service between Yarmouth and Boston, operated by the Eastern Steamship Lines, which will be abandoned next year.—Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, December 30.

The Pacific Transport arrived today from Yokohama and the Young America sailed today for Yokohama. The General Simon B. Buckner arrived on Thursday from Yokohama. The Lieutenant George W. G. Boyce sailed on Thursday for Yokohama. Seattle, The Green Mountain State sailed today for Yokohama.—Associated Press.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 30.

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Railway issues also advanced in the bond market. United Light was higher in the curb while Imperial Oil and American Marcellite were lower.—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, December 30.

The London stock exchange was firm today with Japanese, German and Brazilian bonds stronger than on Thursday. Oil shares eased while industrials were unchanged.

The Financial Times' index was 106.4, unchanged.—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, December 30.

Crude rubber number one futures closed 2 to 11 higher. Sales 74 contracts.

March 18.05-09
May 17.75-80
July 17.30 bid.
Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets 18 nominal.—Associated Press.

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"BENVRACKIE"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	10th Jan.
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Sports personality:

Mrs. Teresa Campos



Born in Hongkong on September 26, 1926, Teresa Campos nee Baptista is a firm believer in the adage "mens sana in corpore sano" and indulges in sport purely for the sake of the recreational activity.

This attitude towards sports may be well emulated by athletes of both sexes.

Teresa was interested in sports during her school days when she excelled particularly in field and track events, winning the long jump event in the first All-Macao meet in 1942.

In the same year Teresa made her football debut, appearing for the Merry Madams. Her enthusiasm for this sport was whetted to such an extent that she adapted herself to every one of the nine playing positions, which includes pitching and catching, an achievement that classifies her as the most versatile player in that sport.

Sports fans have a habit of showing appreciation by awarding nicknames to their favorites and soon Teresa was known in football circles as "Choochi".

Choochi twice represented the victorious Portugal team in the Football International Series, and is still on the roster of the Senior Champion Wahooks.

Incidentally, Teresa holds the current home-run title with two round-trippers to her credit.

Rookie year

Teresa's accomplishments are by no means limited to football. After an occasional dabble in basketball and volleyball, badminton appealed to her in 1947 and in her rookie year she was runner-up in the Club de Recreio Junior Championship.

In the following year, Choochi participated in the Colony Championships and also represented Recreio who won the Junior League Mixed Doubles.

Choochi's keenness for recreational exercise makes it easy for her to pick up any sport and this year she turned her attention to tennis, winning the Club de Recreio Junior Doubles with Miss Inez Soares.

Looking for new fields to explore, Teresa has recently started out on hockey seriously and there is no doubt that we shall soon hear of her exploits in that branch of sport.

Sunday programme

To list all of Teresa's sporting activities would take columns, but a brief resume of a typical Sunday programme will illustrate her enthusiasm.

An early couple of sets of tennis, a hockey work-out, then lunch.

An afternoon of softball finishing up with an evening's badminton, gives Choochi, that glorious contented feeling of being happy with the world in general.

Those who do not know this five-foot-two charming personality may wonder why all this activity.

Choochi has an answer, and to quote her "It makes you healthy and teaches you how to take defeat and disappointment". Teresa certainly has something in that!

Unexpected obstacles



Unexpected obstacles in a hurdle race at Sandown Racecourse on December 10, 1949, were provided by two horses and their jockeys. Martin Melony (right, spotted jacket), riding Laverstoke, and S. Baxter, riding Rahmas, D. Dillon (left) on Approval took the hind-race in his stride while R. F. Anala had to rein back on Bai Dento. AP Photo.

Army draw with RAF in first division league cricket match

The First Division League cricket match between Royal Air Force and the Army at Kai Tak yesterday ended in a draw.

In a Second Division game at King's Park, the Royal Navy XI unexpectedly went down to the Dockyard by 15 runs.

RAF-Army

Battling first, the RAF knocked up 150 runs, to which E. N. Gumbrell contributed 36. Apart from K.C.A. Ball (35), E. C. Dunn (32) and D. M. Gull (19), the remaining RAF batsmen failed to come off.

Confield took four for 49, Grace two for 27 and Mitchell three for 50.

In reply to the RAF's total, the Army had compiled 62 for three when stumps were drawn. M. W. Hobbs was top-scorer with 35. The other two wicket for four runs. The other two wicket for four runs. The other two wicket for four runs.

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Asian tennis championships

Calcutta, December 30.

Geoffrey Pash and Gerald Oakley (Britain) today reached the semi-finals of the Men's Doubles in the Asian tennis championships here, defeating the Polish-born player, C. Spychalski, and the Czechoslovak star, Vladimir Cernik 6-4, 7-9, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

The match had been postponed from yesterday when falling light brought a stoppage with the British pair's score at 6-4, 7-9.

In a Men's Doubles semi-final Bose and Misra beat Drago Mitic and Y. Malinda (Yugoslavia) 6-7, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.

Mitic and Mrs. Todd beat the French pair Robert Abdesselem and Madame Nelly Adamson 6-2, 6-1 in a semi-final of the Mixed Doubles.

In a quarter-final game Philippe Washer (Belgium) and Miss Gertrude Moran (United States) walked over when C. Spychalski and Miss Cuertier scratched.

Reuter.

DROBNY REACHES TENNIS FINAL

Adelaide, December 30.

Jaroslav Drobný, former Czechoslovak Davis Cup star, today reached the final of the South Australian lawn tennis Men's Singles championship when he beat Mervyn Rose, 18-year-old Victorian, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4.

The Australian Singles champion, Frank Sedgman, beat Eric Sturgess of South Africa in the other semi-final match, winning a hard game by 7-5, 7-5, 6-0, 6-0. Sedgman and Drobný meet in the final on January 2.—Reuter.

ITALY WILLING TO MEET RUSSIA IN SOCCER GAME

Rome, December 30.

Signor Alberto Valentini, Secretary of the Italian Soccer Federation, today announced that Italy "would be willing to meet Russia in an international football match next season."

He was commenting on reports published here that Russia had announced a willingness to meet Italy among other foreign teams in football internationals.

So far, added Signor Valentini, no official request for an international had been received from the Soviet Federation.—Reuter.

SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

London, December 30.

Peter Mans, of South Africa, receiving three points in each frame, lost his overnight lead in the "News of the World" snooker tournament here against Horace Lindrum, the Australian, when their game was continued this afternoon.

Mans, two frames in front after yesterday's play, won the first two of this afternoon, but when Lindrum fought back and took the next four, at the interval they were level at nine frames all.

This afternoon, scores (with Lindrum first) were 40 to 50, 52 to 80, 68 to 54, 68 to 49, 111 to 20 and 108 to 18.—Reuter.

POLICE-HKU DRAW

The Hong Kong Hockey Association fixture between Hong Kong Police and University at Boundary Street yesterday ended in a goalless draw.

PWD BEAT DODWELL'S IN FINAL OF VICTORY CUP

The final of the Victory Cup, played at the Fanling Golf Course last Saturday, when the P.W.D. beat Dodwell's and Mr. A. H. McBride defeated Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Mr. G. G. D. Capers and Mr. N. A. Brown by three and one.

KBGG SEEDED WAPPINSHAW

The final, captained by J. G. Meyer, won the Seeded Wappinshaw game at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday with a total of 24 shots.

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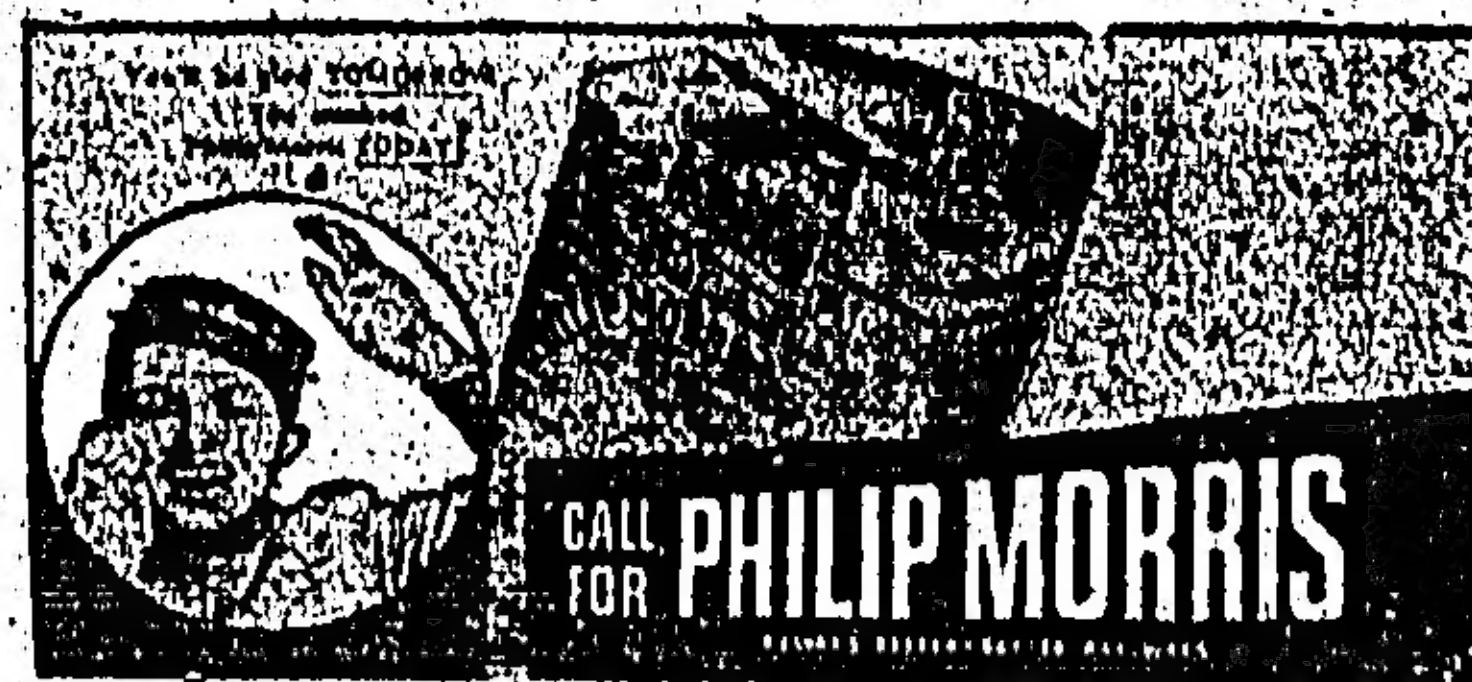
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All-conquering Kit Chee meet their Waterloo

The all-conquering Kit Chee, potential Champions of the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League, suffered their first defeat of the season yesterday, when they went down to Kowloon Motor Bus by three goals to one, at Boundary Street.

The performance of the busmen exceeded all expectations, as after their dismal display against the Commandos last week, when they lost by five goals to two, it was not expected that they would even hold, let alone beat, the powerful Kit Chee combination.

In a fast and keenly contested match, the busmen, who had been in the game since the first whistle, were in the lead at the 10th minute, when they scored through a brilliant shot by Yau Yau-tak.

At the 15th minute, the busmen scored again, this time through a brilliant shot by Yau Yau-tak.

KMB 3—Kit Chee 1

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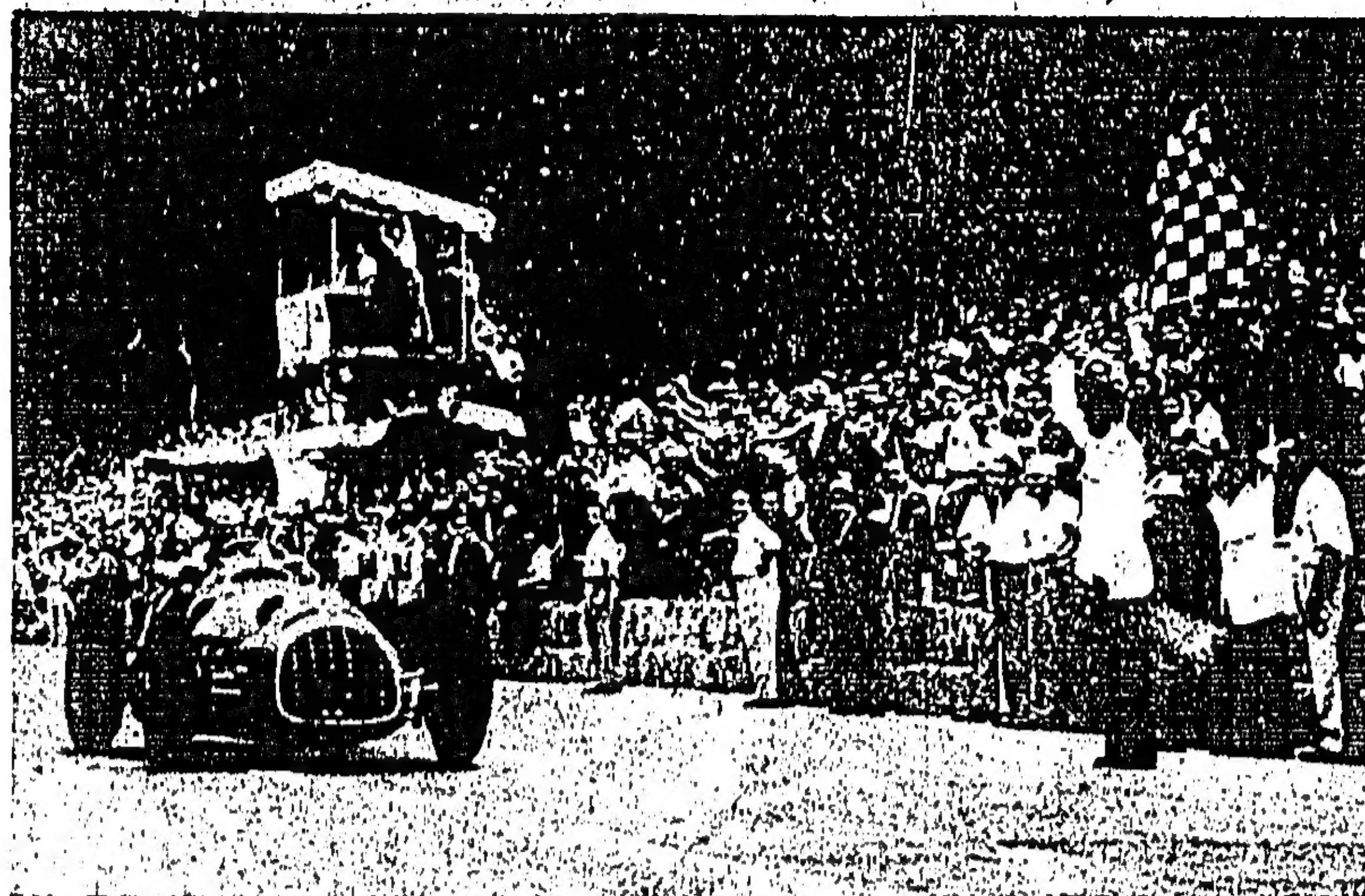
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Ascari wins Peron prize



Alberto Ascari of Italy, driving a Ferrari, is flagged in as the winner of the President Peron Prize Race, first of the International season, at the Palermo Track, Buenos Aires, on December 18. Associated Press Photo.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION			
KMB	3	Kit Chee	1
Commandos	2	Club	2
Royal Navy	5	Police	2
Army	4	St. Joseph's	3
6. China	6	Eastern	3

SECOND DIVISION			
Royal Navy	3	Prisons	3
Eastern	1	Army	0
Police	6	St. Joseph's	0
Dockyard	4	Talkies	0
Club	2	Yard Police	0

Yuen Yiu-lam was entrusted with the spot kick and made no mistake.

Deflected ball
Spears received a pass from Spencer and shot for goal, Loung Shun-chi had the misfortune to deflect the ball into his own net to give the Navy team a 3-2 lead.

Sharpe increased the Navy's lead when he scored following a free kick.

Just before the end Gilliam scored a good afternoon's work by netting the last goal from 30 yards with a shot that had the goalies beaten.

Navy: Chisholm, Phillips, Tozer, Dearsley, Thompson, Gilliam, Sharpe, Daley, Spencer, Spears and Lacey.

Police: Tsang Wing, Howlett (absent), Ho Shing, Gordon, Loung Shun-chi, Tsang Sik-hong, Ng Wai, Fung Kai-ming, Redman, Yuen Yiu-lam and Lau Wing-kwong.

St. Joseph's 1—Army 4
At Soukpoon, the Army beat St. Joseph's by four goals to one in a First Division League soccer game which was played at a slow tempo throughout.

The only players who seemed to be giving their all to the game were the two newcomers in the Army line-up, Finney and Andrew, and Manson of St. Joseph's.

The Army scored first when, in the 12th minute, Brown rushed in from the wing to, some after Tsang's brilliant save, a shot from Conway.

The St. Joseph's forward line did not seem to be able to settle down and was upset by the rushing tactics of the Army backs.

The Army forwards had most of the play, but just before the interval, Pereira equalized with a lucky backward header from a pass by Manson.

During the first half, Brown of Army and Rocha of St. Joseph's had to leave the field for a short time because of injuries.

Changing over with the score tied, St. Joseph's switched their players around, possibly content with playing for a draw.

Hsu went to right-back while Rocha moved into the forward line. The Saints might have obtained a point from the game had not Nien and Tsang combined to give away the heart-breaking third goal.

In the 17th minute, during a fiery attack on the St. Joseph's goal, Tsang rushed out to intercept a through ball from Nien.

Nien, his clubmate, reached the ball first and believing Tsang to be behind him back-passed towards the goal. Tsang watched helplessly as the ball rolled by him into the open goal to make it 3-1 in favour of the soldiers.

From the moment of this goal to Army, the Saints appeared to lose heart and only Castillo and Rocha, who had recovered from his injury, attempted to break through the Army defence.

However, the Army players used their advantage well and in the 29th minute, after a fine passing bout between Berry, Higgins and Andrew, the latter's shot hit the base of the left up-

Club XV maintain unbeaten record

(By "J. T. STUD")

The Club XV defeated the United Services by six points to five in a cleanly contested and extremely hard-fought rugby match on the Club ground yesterday and so preserved their proud unbeaten record.

The Club deserved their win, although the Service side, playing together for the first time, fought gallantly and nearly pulled it off.

The Services scored first after a defensive blunder by D. Henderson and Clayden pulled out maximum points.

For the first 15 or 20 minutes the Services were definitely on top and only grand defensive work prevented further scoring.

During that stage Fowkes was playing a magnificent attacking game, but gradually the mighty Club pack started to dominate the game and frequent offside fouls made their task easier.

Both Club scores were the result of penalties and young Markham narrowly missed two more.

Play brightened considerably in the second half and the spectators, majority of whom seemed to favour the Service element, urged the players to greater efforts. They were not disappointed.

Fierce tackling
Hard running and fierce tackling were the order of the day, although the Club three, with more of the ball, should have scored on at least two occasions.

Nolan was clean through, but hesitated and a glorious opportunity went begging.

Major Mitchell was a tower of strength in the Service pack with Major Rapsey not far behind. But the Club were not to be deceived and a further penalty saw Markham successfully convert.

The occasional breakaways by the Services' split danger, but apart from one good thrust, the fire of their outside backs and only the grand work of their forwards prevented the Club from scoring in a storming finish.

Taylor, Forsgate, Wynyard and Carrel were outstanding in a good pack, being ably counterbalanced by Mitchell, Rapsey and Bucknall.

The Club halves had a good day and the three-quarters defence was sound. Clayton had another disappointing day in a line in which only Fowkes shone.

Club Juniors lose
The Club Juniors proved to be no match for the Services' "B" and were overwhelmed by 30 points to three.

McNabb, supported by McDermott and Brown, had a field day in attack although his defence is not all that could be desired.

For the Club Douglas, Alwright and Clemen turned in sound performances.

AUSTRIAN FC DRAW WITH CAIRO FC 2-2
Cairo, December 30.
The Austrian Vienna and Cairo Football Clubs today drew at two goals all in the presence of 25,000 spectators.

Cairo were the better side in the first half and led by a goal from Selim.

Selim scored again in the second half when the Austrians increased the pressure and netted through Elich Probst and Karl Koller.

Britain's sporting prospects for 1950

It is customary to take an optimistic view when discussing almost any subject in relation to the New Year. This attitude, however, is justified in regard to sport in Britain.

The hope of better things is ever present in most spheres of life at this time of the year, but in sport there are plenty of facts to support an encouraging forward look.

United Kingdom sport is turning into the fifth full year since World War II in a healthier condition than anyone would have thought possible a few years ago.

In many branches, only the fabric was left, but sound foundations guaranteed a rapid and leading recovery from the ravages of war.

The Briton's love of sport in its many and varied forms was as deeply rooted as ever. Indeed it had been fostered in the open air life of the fighting Services for men and women alike.

The older people who had kept the threads together while serving on the Home Front had no difficulty in passing on their enthusiasm to those returning into civil life.

This was particularly marked in the Rugby Union code of amateur football.

Except in the Schools, club rugby had virtually ceased to exist, for the war cut it off with the sharpness of knife. But today the game is as virile as before the war.

Many thousands of young men play in all weather clubs, the keenness shown by their fathers and older brothers.

Everything is as it was, including a full international programme, in this most typical of Britain's sports.

Toughness and vigour
The professional form of this game, known as the Rugby League, is also thriving.

More people watch it than before the war. They like its spectacular style, toughness and vigour.

The game flourishes in the North of England, where teams like the almost invincible Wigan are vibrant exponents of the oval ball code, while players use hands as well as feet.

Rugby League is slowly gaining a foothold in the Rugby Union stronghold of South Wales, and efforts to popularise it in London have been rewarded by a steadily growing attendance at the "professionals' Cup" final, which is staged annually at Wembley Stadium.

Not many years ago only half the accommodation at London's biggest sports arena was taken for this event. Now the attendance exceeds 50,000 and approaches the figures for the great football occasions like the England v. Scotland International and the Cup Final.

Association football
Association football is having another wonderful season. In League matches, Cup Ties and international games, the interest is exceptional. Few expected the public enthusiasm shown in the abnormal period after the war to be maintained, but there has been little, if any, decline.

Clubs like Aston Villa, Everton, Middlesbrough, Portsmouth, Cardiff and Notts County, have had their attendance records broken during these fruitful years.

There can be little doubt that but for limited accommodation and police restrictions on the size of crowds for public safety, new high figures would have been established at every League ground in the country.

Arsenal's record, for instance, is more than 73,000 but a crowd of this size is not permitted today.

The general level of League football is higher than it was two years ago, and will continue to improve. Arsenal, Manchester United, Portsmouth, Newcastle, Liverpool and other famous teams to be successful.

All these clubs appreciate the value of team spirit, but they also concentrate on coaching tactics, positional play and ball craft with head and feet.

They insist upon having craftsmen in the key positions of inside wing forward and wing half back.

A general policy of "linking craft with speed" is taking shape behind the scenes.

Aftermath of war
A certain decline in public interest in certain quarters as it is felt that the players go all out to win, the public will be of the opinion that they are playing hard-merely for the sake of a dinner.

As this carries with it an implication of "loss of face" by the Chinese players, rumours are current that they will not give of their best today.

The following are the teams—CNAAF: Yui Yiu-tak (Kitchee); Hau Yung-san (Kitchee); Liu Shui-ping (CAA); Chang Kam-hoi (Kitchee); Tsang Tung (Kitchee); Kwok Yung-kee (Kitchee); Ho Yim-fun (Kitchee); Chiu Man-choi (KMB); Tang Yee-ki (KMB); Yui Cheuk-yin (Kitchee); Lee Tai-fai (KMB).

Kitchee: Leyland (Army); Roan (Club); Tozer (Navy); Spence (Army); Tennel (Army); Hutton (Army); Brown (Army); Perry (Army); Conway (Army); Mullen (Club); Daly (Navy).

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